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Tara M. Arras began her tenure with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington in July 2016 as Chief Development Officer. She is a member of the Executive Team and oversees the Development and Communications Department.

Tara has 21 years of experience as a professional fundraiser and has raised over \$250 million for numerous Catholic parishes, hospitals, hospice programs as well as secondary and higher education and cultural institutions. Her expertise includes leading special campaigns, external relations, and building development teams and operations to support future growth and stewardship.

Tara completed graduate coursework in Nonprofit Management at the Robert J. Milano School of Public Policy and Urban Management at the New School University and holds a bachelor's degree in Nonprofit Management from Baruch College at the City University of New York. She is a Certified Fund Raising Professional and serves as mentor and member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.