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Eichelberger and Barbaro to be honored by state's Catholic Charities directors

Earl Eichelberger, director of Catholic Charities for the New York State Catholic Conference, and Tony Barbaro, associate diocesan director for Catholic Charities of Rochester, will be honored by the New York State Council of Catholic Charities Directors at their annual convening in Albany on Monday, March 12, at the Desmond Hotel.

Eichelberger will receive the Bishop Mugavero Award for outstanding contributions to the work of charity and social justice. The award is named for the late Bishop Francis Mugavero of Brooklyn. Barbaro will receive the Vincenza DeFazio Award for outstanding contributions to the work of the state's Catholic Charities directors. It is named for a long-time attorney with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, who died in the early 1990s.

Eichelberger, a native of Harlem, has been with the Catholic Conference since 2002. He formerly served 14 years as a member of the State Board of Parole, as well as 17 years at the New York State Division of Youth. He holds a bachelor's degree from Le Moyne College and a master's degree in social work from Syracuse University. His wife, Carla, is a third grade teacher at St. Helen's School in Schenectady. The Eichelbergers, who live in Guilderland, have two children, Clayton, a third-year law student at Mercer University Law School in Macon, Ga, and Imani, a first year medical student at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk.

Barbaro, an Auburn native, has served at Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Rochester for 27 years, including serving as executive director of Catholic Charities of the Southern Tier from 1985 to 2003, during which time he oversaw the transformation of the organization into four subsidiaries. Since then, he has served as associate diocesan director. Barbaro served on the NYS Council of Catholic Charities directors from 1993 to 2007. He holds a bachelor's degree from Syracuse University and a master's degree in pastoral ministry from Boston College. He lives in Elmira with his wife of 42 years, Joyce. They have two sons, Christopher, who lives in Osaka, Japan, and Joseph, who attends the University of Tampa.