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Joan F. Neal has held many leadership positions throughout her career, including as CEO of her own consulting firm in organizational development and strategic planning. Most recently, she served as Interim Executive Director at NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice, a national Catholic advocacy and social justice organization in Washington, DC. During her 12 years at NETWORK, she served as the organization's first Deputy Executive Director and Chief Equity Officer.

Previously, Ms. Neal served as Vice President and Chief Planning Officer at Cabrini University, in Radnor, PA where, as a member of the President's Cabinet, she led and oversaw key institutional strategic and operational planning processes, Human Resources, Diversity, and Mission Integration.

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Before relocating to the East Coast, Ms. Neal had a successful career in the financial services industry in Chicago, IL where she was Vice President of Corporate Affairs at Harris Trust Bank; Vice President & Banking Center President at First National Bank of Chicago; and 2nd Vice President, Retail Banking at Continental Illinois National Bank.

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Ms. Neal holds an Honorary Doctor of Ministry; a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies; and a Certificate in Biblical Spirituality, from Catholic Theological Union (Chicago, IL). She also earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from Loyola University (Chicago, IL.)