

**James Michels**  
**Vice President of Development and Communications**  
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Jim Michels has worked as a fundraising professional for 12 years and has served as Vice President of Development and Communications for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington since 2009. Previously, Jim was the Director of Development for the American Veterans Center, sponsor of the National Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C. He also previously served as Director of Development for the American Lung Association's D.C. Chapter.

As Vice President of Development and Communications, Jim is responsible for the agency's communications, appeals and fundraising programs, which includes: a quarterly newsletter, *The Mission*, the annual Catholic Charities Christmas Collection, special gifts, planned gifts and donor stewardship activity. He also works closely with the volunteer committees in support of the annual Catholic Charities Ball. Jim, his wife Nydia and son are members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Lake Ridge, Virginia.