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***Editor's note:*** *The following is a note to NCR readers from Jim Purcell, NCR board chair.*



Thomas Fox, after receiving the Bishop John England award June 22, 2017, at the Catholic Media Conference in Quebec City. (CNS/Philippe Vaillancourt, Presence)

Dear NCR readers:

I am writing to let you know about two important developments related to NCR's leadership.

At its meeting on Aug. 28, 2020, the [NCR board of directors](#) unanimously agreed to accept the resignation of [Tom Fox](#) as CEO and president, effective Oct. 31, 2020, and also voted unanimously to appoint [Bill Mitchell](#) as CEO and president in addition to his current position as publisher, effective Nov. 1, 2020.

The board appointed Tom as interim CEO and president about two years ago with the understanding that he would assist the board in finding a new CEO/president in due time.

In submitting his resignation as CEO/president, Tom wholeheartedly endorsed the appointment of Bill Mitchell as his successor.

During the board's consideration of these actions, board members joined me in expressing their deep gratitude to Tom Fox for his excellent leadership over the past two years.



Bill Mitchell

They also expressed strong confidence in Bill Mitchell as our new CEO/president.

While Tom is stepping down as CEO/president, he will not be completely retiring from NCR. He has agreed to stay on in a consulting role focusing his time on fundraising, and he will remain on the NCR masthead as editor/publisher emeritus.

Please join me in thanking Tom Fox for his outstanding leadership and congratulating Bill Mitchell on his new appointment.

On behalf of the board of directors I also want to thank all of you for your ongoing support of NCR's mission as an independent Catholic voice that is committed to excellence in journalism to help make this world a better place.

Sincerely,

[Jim Purcell](#), NCR board chair

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