

Cecilia A. Colbert

Cecilia is an accomplished corporate and service minded executive recognized for her dedication, execution and customer focus which she attributes to her parent's "strong Czech work ethic". Cecilia's industry experience includes professional services, retail, healthcare, higher education, and not-for-profit sectors. Her management experience and financial expertise includes financial planning and analysis, strategic planning, forecasting, business modeling, audit, process improvement and staff/employee engagement. As Chief Financial Officer for the Catholic Diocese of Dallas, Cecilia will be responsible for all financial and related functions including budgeting, accounting, financial reporting, investments, purchasing and risk management.

In 2013, Cecilia joined the American Heart Association where she has been the Director of Financial Reporting. Previously she was the Campus Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administrative and Financial Services for The Art Institute of Dallas, Sr. Director of Financial Operations at VHA Inc. as well as Manager of Planning and Analysis at Neiman Marcus. She began her career with Peat Marwick Main.

Cecilia earned her Master of Business Administration from the University of Dallas and a B.B.A. in Accounting from Texas A&M University. She is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of Texas.

Her service to the community includes many activities at St. Rita Catholic School as Past Chairman of the Sister School Committee supporting St. Mary of Carmel, Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas Leader, and Children's Liturgy. Her past volunteer involvement includes activities with St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, the Dallas Brain Injury Association and the Notre Dame Club of Dallas.

Cecilia is the proud wife of Calvin who is a business development executive with Challenger, Gray & Christmas and mother of Madeleine and Sophia.