

New Pastor of St. Procopius

Fr. Michael T. Conley, SJ, has been appointed by Francis Cardinal George, OMI, as the new pastor of St. Procopius Church



on Chicago's South Side, effective July 5, 2009. "Mike brings to his new mission his intense desire to serve this community faithfully as its pastor. Even more than his capacity

to communicate in proficient Spanish, his ability to listen and to be present will serve the community well," says Fr. Provincial Edward W. Schmidt, SJ. Fr. Conley assumes his new role after serving for two years as St. Procopius's associate pastor under Fr. Timothy A. Howe, SJ, who has been named president of St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati.

New President of St. Ignatius High School

Fr. William J. Murphy, SJ, has been named the 25th president of St. Ignatius High School in Cleveland, effective July 1, 2009.



Since his ordination last summer, Fr. Murphy has served as a special assistant in the president's office at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati under president Fr. Walter C. Deye, SJ. "Bill has

the strength of his conviction, the gift of collaboration, and the willingness to risk being great all in the context of guiding young men through this most formative time of their lives. In short, he is ready to lead the St. Ignatius community," says Fr. Deye. Fr. Murphy follows Fr. Timothy P. Kesicki, SJ, who served as the school's leader from 2000 until June 2008, when he was named provincial of the Detroit Province. Fr. John F. Libens, SJ, has most recently headed the school as interim president.

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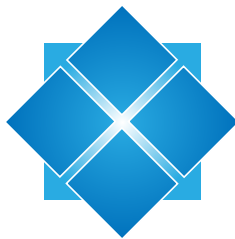
Fr. Timothy A. Howe, SJ, has been named the 40th president of St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, effective July 1, 2009.



"Fr. Howe embodies all the attributes the committee was seeking in the new president of St. Xavier High School," says Michael McGraw, chair of the Presidential Succession

Committee and 1973 graduate of St. Xavier. Fr. Howe, who has served as pastor of St. Procopius Parish in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood since 1999, is very familiar with St. Xavier, having taught Spanish there from 1991 to 1994 and having served on the board of trustees.

"Tim will help the school keep its focus on forming leaders and men for and with others," says Fr. Walter C. Deye, SJ, Fr. Howe's predecessor. "He has a deep love of education and as we continue to reach out toward the non-traditional students—especially the growing Hispanic community—he will be instrumental in shaping the school's future to attract those students." Fr. Deye has served as St. Xavier's president since 2001 and is awaiting a new assignment. "While we are excited to have Fr. Howe joining us for president next school year, we are disappointed to be losing Fr. Deye," said Mike Keating, chairman of the St. Xavier board of trustees. "Walter has worked tirelessly for the last eight years as president on behalf of the students, faculty, parents, alumni and friends of St. Xavier, for which we will be forever grateful."



**SAINT XAVIER
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Inward Reflection. Outward Action.

St. Xavier Church in downtown Cincinnati has launched its new parish visual identity in tandem with the 150th anniversary of its home on Sycamore Street. The new identity is the result of a parish-wide communal discernment that began a year ago. Drawing on the talents and knowledge base of parishioners, the identity represents the combined volunteer efforts of lay members of the parish with the pastor of St. Xavier, Fr. Eric J. Knapp, SJ, and the Jesuit pastoral staff. The logo's tagline reads, "Inward reflection. Outward action." It represents parishioners' sense of the church's mission and is consistent with the Jesuit charism of being contemplatives in action.

New President of Loyola Academy

Fr. Patrick E. McGrath, SJ, has been named the eighth president of Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Illinois, effective July 1, 2009. As



the provincial assistant for secondary education for the past three years, Fr. McGrath has worked extensively with the leadership of the six high schools and one middle school in the Chicago Province.

An experienced educator, he was the chairman of the religious studies department at Saint Ignatius College Prep for six years prior to joining the Jesuits in 2000. As a Jesuit, he taught religious studies and led Ignatian spirituality programs for faculty at Loyola Academy for three years before his ordination in 2006. "Pat knows the faculty, staff, and community of Loyola Academy well," says James Hickey, chair of the Loyola Academy Board of Trustees and 1975 alumnus of the school. "His energy, enthusiasm, and spirituality are sure to be great assets to the school." Fr. McGrath succeeds Fr. Theodore G. Munz, SJ, who has served as Loyola Academy president for the past 13 years, and has been named treasurer of the Chicago and Detroit Provinces.

Fr. General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, has appointed **Fr. Myles N. Sheehan, SJ**, the next provin-



cial of the New England Province. Fr. Sheehan will succeed Fr. Thomas J. Regan, SJ, whose six-year term will end on July 30, 2009. Since 1995, Fr. Sheehan has served as a Profes-

sor of Medicine at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine. In 2000, he added the administrative duties of Senior Associate Dean to his teaching and research responsibilities.

New Biprovince Treasurer

After 13 years as president of Loyola Academy, **Fr. Theodore G. Munz, SJ**, has been appointed treasurer of both the Chicago and Detroit Provinces. Fr. Munz succeeds Fr. Daniel L. Flaherty, SJ, for Chicago and Fr. Norman J. Dickson, SJ, for Detroit. "Ted brings to all of his apostolic assignments his Jesuit commitment and spirituality and his drive to serve God's people with creativity, energy, and competence," says Fr. Provincial Edward W. Schmidt, SJ. "These qualities will serve us very well as we implement our strategies for the future." During Fr. Munz's tenure at Loyola Acad-



emy, the school's tuition assistance program grew from \$386,000 to \$3.25 million and its endowment increased five-fold.

Fr. Flaherty awaits his next assignment after having been the province treasurer since 1989. "The words that come to mind when I think of Dan Flaherty are generous heart," says Fr. James G. Gartland, SJ. "And I say that because Dan has really been tireless in terms of his great care for the Society. He's been a great companion to the men of the province. When I think of growing old as a Jesuit, I often think it would be great to be more like Dan Flaherty."

New Rector for the Saint Ignatius College Prep Jesuit Community

Fr. Patrick A. Fairbanks, SJ, has been named rector of the Saint Ignatius College Prep Jesuit Community. From 2000 to 2005, Fr. Fairbanks served at the school as director of student activities and a teacher of religion. From 2003 to 2005 he added to these responsibilities the role of director of pastoral ministry. Fr. Fairbanks will be replacing Fr. Joseph T. Brennan, SJ. "Pat will bring many gifts to this new office: tact and grace in his dealings with others, ability to easily and regularly bridge the generational gap with those older and younger than himself, and ease at being open and easily known—to name only a few," says Fr. Provincial Edward W. Schmidt, SJ. Fr. Fairbanks will continue to serve as provincial assistant for vocations.



President of Saint Ignatius College Prep Prepares for Next Assignment

Fr. Brian G. Paulson, SJ, has announced that he will be stepping down as president of Saint Ignatius College Prep in the summer of 2010. Fr. Paulson has served as president since 1999. "I have been honored to serve alongside Fr. Paulson," says chair-



man of the board of trustees Peter Thompson. "His intelligent, faith-filled and compassionate ways have served the school remarkably well." The board of trustees has appointed a search commit-

tee which includes faculty and staff of the school, as well as Jesuit, alumni, and parent representation. The position is open to Jesuits, other religious, and lay candidates. "It has been and continues to be a great privilege to serve the students, families, faculty, staff, alumni, and benefactors of this great school," says Fr. Paulson. "I'm proud of what has been accomplished over the past 10 years, and I am confident that our distinctive mission will attract an excellent leader to carry us forward in the next decade." Fr. Paulson awaits his next assignment.

Mr. William V. Blazek, SJ, assistant professor of medicine at Georgetown University, was named to the Defense Health Board, a federal advisory committee to the U.S. Secretary of Defense. Drawing from his background in the military and as a medical doctor, Mr. Blazek will assist the board in providing independent scientific advice on matters relating to health policy development, research programs, and the delivery of health care to members of the military and their families.



Fr. Gene D. Phillips, SJ, has earned a profile in 101 Top Industry Experts from Cambridge's "Who's Who Publishing" for his work in film history. Fr. Phillips is currently a professor of English and film at Loyola University. He's also a founding member of the editorial board of *Literature/Film Quarterly* and has written well over 100 articles on literature and film. Fr. Phillips has authored more than 19 books and has served on special juries at the Cannes, Berlin, and Chicago International Film Festivals.



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Called to Final Vows



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Fr. General Adolfo Nicolás, SJ, has called Frs. Patrick A. Fairbanks, SJ; Robert E. Finn, SJ; Robert S. Flack, SJ; Timothy A. Howe, SJ; and David V. Meconi, SJ, to final vows. From the very beginning of the Society, Ignatius Loyola desired men of virtue, learning, and zeal to be incorporated into the Society. Jesuits complete their 10 to 12 years of formation by making Tertianship. After the Tertianship program Jesuits are called to final vows and full incorporation into the Society. Final Vows are the Society's affirmation of the Jesuit's personal virtues, his zeal for ministry, and his service of God's people.

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