



Dear Friends,

Earlier today, Le Moyne College, our sister Jesuit school in Syracuse, announced the appointment of Patrick Rogers, S.J., as Vice President for Mission and Identity, effective July 2, 2022. Father Rogers, who has served the University devotedly as the Executive Director of the Jesuit Center since 2017, will step down from that position at the end of this academic year.

On behalf of the University, I wish to thank Father Rogers for the many ways that he has helped advance our Catholic and Jesuit mission at Scranton. I am deeply grateful to him. Through his leadership, service and initiative, The Jesuit Center has been woven into the fabric of the University community. Be it daily reflections by community members during the Lenten or Advent season, or programming that allows University staff and faculty to learn about and experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, The Jesuit Center has faithfully lived its mission to help keep our Catholic and Jesuit character at the center of the educational enterprise we provide.

Through partnerships with faculty, The Jesuit Center offers an Ignatian workshop for first-year faculty and houses the University's Ellacuría Initiative. The Center has also partnered with staff members and numerous departments to offer an array of other programs centered on our core mission. The spiritual programming

offered even extends to alumni through a very popular book club, among other engagement efforts.

Father Rogers entered the Society of Jesus in 1992 and was ordained a priest in 2002. Prior to entering the Society of Jesus, he was a professional musician and holds a bachelor's degree in music performance (clarinet) from Towson University. He earned a master's degree in philosophy from Fordham University and a master's degree in divinity from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley in California. He earned his doctorate from Georgetown University, where he served for more than a decade prior to his tenure at Scranton.

More information will be forthcoming regarding the future leadership of The Jesuit Center. Please join me in congratulating Father Rogers on his appointment and in wishing him well in his service at Le Moyne College.

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Marina

President