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Archbishop Cordileone Appoints New Leadership for St. Patrick's Seminary & University

San Francisco, August 13, 2019 - Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of the Archdiocese of San Francisco announces the appointment of Rev. Daniel B. Donohoo as President-Rector of St. Patrick Seminary & University, and Rev. Anthony Stoeppel as its Vice-Rector. Both appointments are for five-year terms and effective August 15, 2019.

“Fr. Donohoo has served the seminary with dedication for more than six years, most recently as Vice-Rector and Dean of Men. He has a keen understanding of the challenges of diocesan priesthood and the spiritual and human formation required for a successful vocation,” Archbishop Cordileone noted.

“Fr. Donohoo is uniquely prepared and qualified to take on the leadership of this important institution at this time.”

Fr. Donohoo's previous positions at the seminary include terms as Dean of Students and Vice President of Administration. In addition, in his home Archdiocese of Indianapolis he served as a judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal and led a successful program for continuing education for clergy. He also served as pastor of a number of parishes in the Indianapolis Archdiocese, including the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul. He was educated at the University of San Diego; Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium; and St. Patrick's Seminary & University. He holds an MS in Marital and Family Therapy.

Upon being named President-Rector, Fr. Donohoo said, “I am grateful to the Archbishop and Board for their confidence in appointing me to serve in this role for my beloved Alma Mater. I hope, in collaboration with my current colleagues, to help form men of compassionate pastoral presence; men illuminated by sound Theology, inspired by a continued deep personal encounter with Jesus Christ, issuing forth in generous service to all people.”

Fr. Anthony Stoeppel joins St. Patrick's Seminary as a faculty member and as its new Vice-Rector. He brings significant diocesan experience to the Seminary. He was most recently Vicar General of the Diocese of Tyler and also served as Chairman of the Parish & Mission Assistance Program and President of Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Catholic Schools, as well as pastor of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, a largely Spanish-speaking parish in the Diocese of Tyler. Fr. Stoeppel attended Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, Connecticut, and holds a Doctorate of Sacred Theology in the field of bioethics from Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome.

These appointments became necessary upon the untimely passing of Most Reverend Robert F. Christian, O.P., in July. Bishop Christian was President-Rector of the Seminary from January 14, 2019 until his death.

St. Patrick's Seminary has been forming priests for the West Coast region of the United States and the Pacific Islands since 1898. The seminary is committed to a second century of forming priests after Christ's own heart.

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