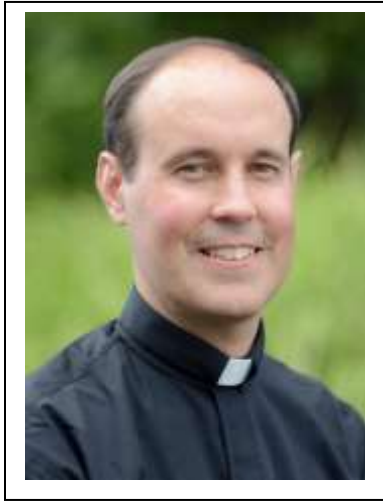


March 4, 2021



Dear Retreatants and Friends,

I am pleased to announce that Fr. Mark Carr, S.J., will become the new executive director of the Jesuit Retreat House on Lake Winnebago, effective June 22.

Last August, at the request of Fr. Brian Paulson, S.J., provincial of the Jesuit USA Midwest Province, the JRH Board of Directors established a search committee as well as a plan of action with protocols to best discern the qualities we felt our next executive director would need to lead us. It became clear after discernment and listening sessions with a variety of people from our retreatants, retreat directors, staff, and donors that we wanted someone steeped in Ignatian spirituality who would work collaboratively with staff and continue to make JRH a

place where people feel welcomed, nurtured, and supported. Fr. Mark will meet those needs.

Fr. Mark grew up in Wheaton, IL, and attended Marquette University before entering the Society of Jesus in 1993. He is experienced in the spirituality, ministry, and governance of the Society of Jesus. He has preached and directed retreats at Jesuit retreat houses in Oshkosh (WI), Lake Elmo (MN), and Los Altos (CA). For over 15 years, Fr. Mark served as teacher and administrator in Jesuit high schools including Walsh Jesuit High School (Cuyahoga Falls, OH), Marquette University High School (Milwaukee, WI), and Red Cloud High School (Pine Ridge, SD). He was also the socius/assistant provincial for the former Wisconsin Province of the Society of Jesus. Currently, he sits on the executive committee of the National Catholic Committee on Scouting and has ministered as Scout chaplain for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and chaplain at Philmont Scout Ranch. He also serves on the board of directors for the US/Canada region of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

We are grateful that the Holy Spirit guided us throughout this process and guided Fr. Mark in his discernment.

We are blessed that we have a new director to lead us into the next chapter at JRH and its ministries. Fr. Mark will meet with staff and attend retreats periodically during the months of April and May, and move into the Jesuit community in mid-May. He and Fr. Chris will overlap during that time and until Fr. Chris leaves JRH on July 22 to take on a new role in the USA Midwest Province office.

We invite you to return for a retreat this coming year; and spend time to renew yourself as you walk the beautiful grounds along Lake Winnebago. Take in the silence, take time for yourself to stop and listen, really listen, to God speak to you.

God Bless,

Lisa Durocher

Chair, Board of Directors

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