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CATHEDRAL OF SAINT ANDREW RECTOR FATHER MARK-DAVID JANUS, C.S.P., APPOINTED PAULIST PRESS PRESIDENT/CEO

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. – Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley, bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids, announced today that Father Mark-David Janus, C.S.P., Ph.D, rector/pastor of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew has been appointed president and chief executive officer of the Paulist Press, effective July 1. Bishop Hurley was informed of Father Janus' new appointment on April 13 by Very Reverend John F. Duffy, C.S.P., president of the Paulist Fathers.

Father Janus began serving the people of the diocese in 2003. In November 2007, Bishop Hurley and Father Duffy announced plans for the Paulist Fathers to provide overall leadership for diocesan evangelization efforts. As part of this initiative, in July 2008, Father Janus was appointed rector/pastor of the Cathedral of Saint Andrew with responsibility for St. Andrew's School. Since beginning his ministry in the diocese, Father Janus has also served as director of the Catholic Information Center, a ministry of the Paulist Fathers focused on reconciliation, ecumenical dialogue, interfaith relations and providing education about Catholic belief, practice and other faith issues.

"I am most grateful to the Paulist Fathers and to Father Mark-David," said Bishop Hurley. "He has been a key figure in joining together the faith communities of the Catholic Information Center and the Cathedral of Saint Andrew. He has been a respected member of the local and diocesan communities in his efforts to further ecumenism and evangelization as pastor of the cathedral and director of the Catholic Information Center. Through his leadership and guidance, Father Mark-David has established many endeavors that will serve the diocese well in years to come."

A new candidate for the position of rector/pastor of the cathedral will be presented to Bishop Hurley by the Paulist Fathers prior to July.

The Diocese of Grand Rapids serves 178,000 Catholics in 103 parishes and missions throughout an 11-county area.

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