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## **Search Underway for New Sacred Heart Major Seminary Rector/President Fr. Boguslawski to become Acting Director of Pope John Paul II Cultural Center**

Effective August 1, Fr. Steven Boguslawski, OP, rector/president of Detroit's Sacred Heart Major Seminary since 2003, will leave his post to become the acting director of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, hopes to name a new rector/president for the seminary by the start of the academic year in September.

Fr. Boguslawski's departure was precipitated by his religious community, the Order of Preachers-Dominicans, St. Joseph Province, giving him new responsibilities and embarking on a new initiative in the nation's capital. With his contractual term in Detroit coming to a close, and subsequent to extensive discussions with his provincial, Fr. Boguslawski, 50, agreed to serve as the acting director of the center concurrent with his recent appointment as Regent of Studies for the Dominican Province and with a possible teaching position in the future.

"Now just seemed like the right time to make a change," said the cardinal. "Fr. Boguslawski has done an outstanding job at the seminary and we will all miss him. The center will benefit greatly from his proven leadership abilities...his energy and expertise."

Opened in the spring of 2001, the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center was established to foster greater understanding among people of different religious, cultural and ethnic backgrounds through art, cultural programs and study. Cardinal Maida is the president of the center and chairman of its 13-member board of directors.

Cardinal Maida noted that, as acting director, Fr. Boguslawski would "re-focus the mission of the cultural center, be in dialogue with various universities, and help to promote the legacy of the late Holy Father." He indicated that Fr. Boguslawski would remain in the position until a new director for the center could be identified.

"The engagement of faith and culture is at the heart of the New Evangelization and emphasizes Christian freedom and responsibility," said Fr. Boguslawski. "Pope John Paul II challenged the Church in the U.S. to focus considerable energy on this dialogue. While I will deeply miss the Sacred Heart Major Seminary community, I feel very privileged to contribute to the vision and the mission of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, particularly its Intercultural Forum.

"The center has an array of longstanding friends, as well as a promising future with a perennially relevant message," Fr. Boguslawski continued. "Under the strong leadership of Cardinal Maida, Archbishop Donald Wuerl, the executive board, and the trustees, we shall see the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center engage an array of strategic partnerships fulfilling its mission with ever greater scope and intensity for the service of the whole Church."

Fr. Dominic Izzo, OP, provincial for the St. Joseph Province of the Order of Preachers, noted that Fr. Boguslawski would move to the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, where he will be a resource to the new initiatives at the facility and join its faculty, once his duties as acting director at the Pope John Paul II Center are settled.

"Fr. Boguslawski's administrative achievements at Sacred Heart Major Seminary have served well the mission of the Church," said Fr. Izzo. "I am confident that he will continue this dedication and faith-filled service as the acting director of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center. His brothers look forward to his return to Washington and to the ways he can help us in our mission at the Dominican House of Studies."

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**\*\*\*Note: Additional information on Fr. Boguslawski, including a biography and photo, can be found on the Archdiocese of Detroit website at [www.AODonline.org](http://www.AODonline.org). For more information, call 313-237-5943.**