

Brother Bernard Ploeger, S.M., Ph.D.
President
Chaminade University

Brother Bernard Ploeger, SM, Ph.D. officially accepted the position of president for Chaminade University on March 19, 2009, after a unanimous vote by the university's board of regents and a national search.



Considered the chief architect of Chaminade's strategic plan for 2008-2013, Ploeger played an integral part of the *Transformations* overall campaign, which successfully raised \$66.5 million during the presidency of Dr. Sue Wesselkamper.

Ploeger was also very involved with the successful completion of the university's WASC review with commendations this year. Ploeger and Wesselkamper were close colleagues, working in tandem to revive and revitalize Chaminade, propelling it along a growth trend that continues at present.

Since his arrival in 2001, Ploeger served the university as its executive vice president and provost at the invitation of Wesselkamper. During her illness, he stepped up to the plate as Chaminade's interim president twice: first in 2005 when Wesselkamper was initially diagnosed with cancer until her return and later in the fall 2008. As provost and executive vice president, Ploeger worked intensively with deans and divisional faculty to strengthen the quality of Chaminade's curriculum and increase its currency and relevance for students. He has promoted academic excellence and scholarship.

Previously, Ploeger served at the University Of Dayton as its vice president for administration/ senior vice president for administration from 1986 to 2001 before accepting Wesselkamper's invitation to Chaminade. Before coming to Chaminade, he was the vice president for administration/ senior vice president for administration for the University of Dayton from 1986 to 2001. He concurrently served on the Provincial Council as a councilor.

Ploeger received his doctorate from The Ohio State University – Columbus, Ohio in 1975. He also received his M.S. degree in 1973 from The Ohio State University and was an N.D.E.A. Fellow there from 1971-74. He received his B.S. degree in 1971 (summa cum laude) from the University of Dayton.

A Marianist, Bro. Ploeger took first vows in the Society of Mary (Marianists) in 1967.