

Nov. 5, 2018

To: St. Mary's University Faculty and Staff

From: Thomas M. Mengler, President

Re: New AMU Executive Director – Brother Thomas F. Giardino, S.M.



As chair of the Association of Marianist Universities (AMU), I am pleased to announce that Brother Thomas Giardino, S.M., has accepted to serve as the new Executive Director of the organization beginning July 1, 2019. He will replace Steve Neiheisel, Ph.D., who has been an excellent ambassador in representing the AMU at the national and international levels.

Brother Tom previously held the position from 2012 to 2015. With his more recent service as Provincial Assistant for Education Brother Tom, as a Trustee on all three Marianist university boards, returns with a fresh understanding of our ministries, cultures and people. His expanded perspective enhances his ability to support, promote and advance Marianist higher education and the collaboration and exchange of experiences among the institutions.

Brother Tom currently serves as a Trustee on both the St. Mary's and the University of Dayton Boards. He served on the Board at Chaminade University from 2015 to 2018. He currently is serving as the Assistant for Special Projects to the Office of Education for the Marianist Province of the United States. Some of his previous positions include, serving as the Executive Director of the International Center for Marianist Formation and in Rome as the International Director of Education and General Assistant for Education on the Society of Mary General Administration.

Brother Tom's deep understanding of the Marianist charism, as well as his ability to engage lay and professed Marianists in formational experiences, is key to helping our Marianist institutions to better achieve our missions and enable our faculty, staff and administrators to be leaders in American and Catholic higher education.

Brother Tom looks forward to bringing his Marianist imagination to assisting our universities as we work to adapt and change to our evolving local, national and global realities.

Please join me in welcoming Brother Tom to his new role as Executive Director of the AMU and to working with our Marianist universities.