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Fr. Patrick McDevitt, C.M., Appointed to Pastoral Council for St. Louis Archdiocese

St. Louis, Mo.— Fr. Patrick McDevitt, C.M., provincial superior for the Congregation of the Mission Western Province, has been appointed to serve on the St. Louis Archdiocesan Pastoral Council. He was notified of the appointment in a Sept. 20 letter from Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski of the St. Louis Archdiocese.

Effective immediately, Fr. McDevitt will serve a three-year term as the representative of male religious personnel in the archdiocese, with the possibility of renewal for a second three-year-term. The council consists of a combination of clergy, religious, and lay members, as well as ex-officio representation from the diocesan staff.

The council serves as a consultative body that studies and weighs matters concerning pastoral works in the archdiocese and proposes practical conclusions concerning them. The council investigates, considers, and proposes practical solutions regarding pastoral works pertaining to the archbishop's authority and serves as a forum for discussion of significant issues. It also represents and serves as a communications link between the archbishop and clergy, religious, and lay communities represented by its members.

"It is truly an honor to serve on the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council especially at this time with the Archdiocese initiating a new strategic planning process," said Fr. McDevitt. "The Archdiocese and the Vincentians have shared a long and beautiful history of service in St. Louis. It is my hope that my participation on this Council will deepen our partnership as we together envision and plan for the future of the Church in St. Louis."

The Congregation of the Mission was founded in 1625 in France by St. Vincent de Paul. The U.S. Western Province was established in 1818 and is headquartered in St. Louis, Mo., and includes ministries, parishes, and apostolates throughout the western U.S. and Kenya, as well as sponsorship of DePaul University in Chicago. The Vincentians are dedicated to serving the materially poor, to education, and to the formation of new priests in accordance with the teachings and philosophy of its founder.

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