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### Bishop Ricken announces new leadership structure for The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help

GREEN BAY, Wis. (September 15, 2016) – With the recent designation to The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, Bishop David L. Ricken, announces several changes to the leadership structure of the Shrine located just northeast of Green Bay in Champion, Wis.

In order to best lead the Shrine into the future, a Shrine Board of Trustees was established to set policy, administer the operating and capital budgets, and develop strategic planning. The membership and actions of the Board of Trustees are subject to the approval of the Shrine Board of Directors. As one of their first tasks, the Board of Trustees will initiate a process to hire an Executive Director to be the chief administrator of the Shrine.

Walter Fountain, the Shrine's Operations Manager, was named Chairperson (pro tempore) of the Shrine Board of Trustees with the primary duty of establishing a fully functioning Board. Additionally, Mr. Fountain will serve as the Shrine Executive Director until the Board of Trustees selects, and the Board of Directors approves, a candidate for this position.

"The Shrine remains one of my highest priorities, and I am pleased how it continues to gather many more souls to Mary's embrace so she can bring them closer to her Son, Jesus," said Bishop Ricken. "By establishing this leadership structure we will be able to utilize faithful volunteers already in place, while we welcome new faces to provide leadership to grow this welcoming sanctuary of peace for our pilgrims who seek healing of mind, body and soul."

Recruitment will begin immediately to fill the Shrine Operations Manager position. These changes will not affect those who currently serve on the Shrine Advisory Board. Fr. John Broussard, CPM will continue in his position as Rector of The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help.

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