

Rev. Fr. Praveen Kumar Appointed Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry at Wheeling University



Dear Campus Community,

First and foremost, it gives me immense joy to express my deep gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to the Most Rev. Mark E. Brennan, the Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, for his commitment to maintaining Wheeling University as the only campus-based Catholic university in West Virginia.

I am so very pleased to share with you that Bishop Brennan, after consultation with Provincial Superior, Very Rev. Jaya Raj Battula, H.G.N., and upon the recommendation of the Clergy Personnel Committee, has appointed Rev. Fr. Praveen Kumar, a Catholic Priest of the Society of the Heralds of Good News of St. John Paul II Province as Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry at Wheeling University. Fr. Praveen has been assigned responsibility for coordinating sacramental ministry to Wheeling's actively enrolled students. Fr. Praveen will join our Cardinal Family on August 3rd and reside on campus at Campion Hall. In addition, Bishop Brennan has appointed Rev. Carlos Melocoton of St. Michaels Parish as his mentor during the initial transition period.

Rev. Fr. Praveen Kumar is a Catholic Priest of the Society of the Heralds of Good News of St. John Paul II Province. He was born at C.N. Kota Village in Avantpur District, Andhrapradesh, India. Fr. Praveen studied in the Roman Catholic School belonging to the congregation of M. S.F. S. At the age of 16, he (entered) joined the Seminary for his Priestly Formation and was ordained a priest on April 12th, 2013, by Most Rev. M. Prakash, the Bishop of Vishakapatnam, Andhrapradesh, India.

I joyfully look forward to working alongside Rev. Fr. Praveen as we continue Wheeling University's mission of educating men and women for others and with others. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Praveen as we continue to carry our mission forward, guided by our Catholic faith to work together, serving one another and the Lord to make the world a better place.