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Father Ciorra Promoted to Vice President for Mission and Catholic Identity

Anthony Ciorra, Sacred Heart University
Father Tony Ciorra has been named vice president for Mission and Catholic Identity at Sacred Heart University. He has been serving as interim vice president for the past four months and will now permanently take on this leadership role, providing all strategic direction and managerial responsibility for the division. He will continue to oversee the University’s presidential seminar and the program of faculty conversations and will work with faculty and staff on future programs and events.

Ciorra previously served as professor of theology and associate vice president for Mission and Catholic Identity. Ordained a priest in 1973, he was dean of the Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education at Fordham University, director of the Center of Theological and Spiritual Development at the College of St. Elizabeth and the director for the Center for Spiritual Development in the Archdiocese of New York. He gives workshops and retreats throughout the United States, the Middle East and Europe.

Ciorra holds a doctorate in theology and master’s degrees in counseling psychology and spirituality as well as a certificate in spiritual direction. He is widely published (books, articles and CDs) and has covered such topics as liberation theology, the history of spirituality, Thomas Merton, the theology and spirituality of Karl Rahner, mysticism, Vatican II and more.
He also has been honored with numerous awards including the Pro Ecclesiae et Pontifice from Pope John Paul II in recognition of his service to the wider Church community; the Caritas Centennial Award in recognition of his work in lay ministry; the Spirit of Renew Award for his work in inter-religious dialogue; and the Citizen of the Year Award from the City Council of the Bronx for creation of programs for the poor and needy.