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2022 Board Nomination

Member-at-Large

Very Rev. Brian Paulson, SJ

President, Jesuit Conference of US and Canada

What do you see as the value of CMSM?

From the time of my first assignment when I served as Vocations Director, I have enjoyed opportunities to collaborate with other religious men. I see the value of CMSM as offering a space for reflection among religious priests and brothers about our common service to the church in consecrated life. Our church faces many challenges and headwinds. There are commonalities we share across regions and dioceses, and there are real differences between our experience of church and the challenges of evangelization in different parts of our country. Through CMSM we can encourage one another and help one another by offering new ideas and approaches to addressing our challenges to better fulfill our mission.



What do you intend to bring to the CMSM Board?

I have extensive experience in internal governance at the local level, provincial level, conference level and international level. I also have extensive experience on Boards of Trustees and in governance of apostolates ranging from secondary schools, to universities, to retreat houses, spirituality centers and social ministry. I understand the need and value of both apostolic planning and planning for the future of religious life amidst the changing circumstances we all face. In my time as provincial and as president of the Jesuit Conference, I also have experience relating to bishops.

Biography

Father Brian Paulson, S.J., President of the Jesuit Conference of Canada, entered the Society of Jesus at Loyola House Jesuit Novitiate in Berkley, Michigan and is a member of the USA Midwest Province. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1992. He holds a B.S.F.S. in international economics from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, a M.A. in political philosophy from Loyola University Chicago, a S.T.B. from Centre Sevres in Paris, a Ed.M. from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a S.T.L. from the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Massachusetts (now Boston College School of Theology and Ministry). Prior to his current mission, Fr. Paulson served as Director of Vocations, President of St. Ignatius College Prep in Chicago, Rector of the Loyola University Jesuit Community in Chicago and Provincial of the USA Midwest Province. He is a native of Waukegan, Illinois.