

Heartland Center's new director

The Provincial of the Chicago Province of the Society of Jesus, Edward W. Schmidt, S.J., formally appointed James M. Dixon, S.J. Director of Heartland Center. The letter, written October 9, 2008, from Fr. Schmidt states—

I am grateful for your availability and willingness to take on the additional duties as director. I also want to acknowledge your extraordinary work and assistance in sacramental ministry and attending to the needs of the parishioners of the Diocese of Gary and all you have served over the years. This ministry is well-known and deeply appreciated.

As your predecessor, Tom Gannon, continues the journey in companionship with our brothers at Colombiere, he brings with him the prayers and gratitude of the Heartland community and all of Ours. I am confident Heartland Center will continue to thrive under your leadership.◆



James M. Dixon, S.J.

From Fr. Dixon—

I am grateful to Fr. Schmidt for his support as I am grateful to my predecessor, Fr. Tom Gannon, and his predecessor, Fr. Ted Munz. Heartland Center stands on the shoulders and vision of giants. I am also deeply grateful to Francine Hintz, the Center's heart, and to all of its many friends and supporters.

We have gathered a Research Advisory Committee that will meet quarterly and help ground our research in the community and its needs. We have partnered with many new contacts in the region and hope to make our research more available and more useful to the region and its communities and concerns.◆