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The Catholic Campus Ministry Association Welcomes Esteemed New Executive Board Members to Drive Vision and Strategy

April 22nd, 2024, Los Angeles, California - The Catholic Campus Ministry Association (CCMA) proudly announces the appointment of three new members to its esteemed Executive Board of Directors, enhancing CCMA's strategic leadership and commitment to its mission.

The newly appointed executive board members bring diverse expertise and invaluable experience to CCMA, further strengthening its capacity to innovate and drive positive change in Catholic campus ministry and higher education. Their collective backgrounds encompass marketing, fundraising, strategic planning, innovation, intercultural ministries, young adult ministry, college campus ministry, and more!

"We are thrilled to welcome these exceptional individuals to our Executive Board of Directors," said Rosie Chinae Shawver, Executive Director of CCMA. "Their proven leadership, extensive experience, and passion for our mission will be instrumental in guiding our organization towards greater success and impact."

The new executive board members include:

1. Fr. Kyle Shinseki, SJ - Fr. Kyle Shinseki, SJ was born and raised in Hawai'i and serves as the Pastor of Saint Mary Student Parish in Ann Arbor, Michigan, the Newman Center for the University of Michigan. He has a passion for intercultural ministry, through which he seeks to foster a greater appreciation of the rich and varied traditions and communities that comprise the Catholic Church. He enjoys a range of ethnic cuisines, hiking, and Latin American, country, and Hawaiian music. Before joining the Jesuits, he received a bachelor's from MIT, where he became Catholic, a master's from UCLA, and an MBA from Northwestern. He worked in the nonprofit sector and the private sector. As a Jesuit, he completed a Master's in Divinity and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology. He was previously campus minister at Santa Clara University and currently sits on the National Institute for Ministry with Young Adults board.



2. Nicole M. Perone - Nicole M. Perone is the National Coordinator of ESTEEM, the faith-based leadership formation program for Catholic students at colleges and universities across the United States. ESTEEM is a partnership between Leadership Roundtable and Saint Thomas More Catholic Chapel and Center at Yale University. Nicole holds a Master of Divinity from Yale University. Her Bachelor of Arts in Theology with double minors in Italian and Catholic Studies was bestowed by Loyola University Maryland, where she graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa. Nicole is the chair of the Board of Members for the National Institute for Ministry with Young Adults. In 2018, Nicole was a delegate to the Pre-Synod on Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment and served on the writing committee for the final document. Her work has been published by America Media, Catholic News Service, The Jesuit Post, National Catholic Reporter, and U.S. Catholic. Nicole lives in Milford, Connecticut, with her husband, John Grosso (digital editor for the National Catholic Reporter); their daughter, Rosie; and their Golden Retriever, Ellie.



3. Jamie Cappetta - Jamie Cappetta has been the president of Our Savior Parish and USC Caruso Catholic Center at the University of Southern California since 2014 and before that served as Development Director and Assistant Chaplain from 2006-2014 at St. Thomas More Catholic Chapel and Center at Yale University. With a track record for building and serving Catholic communities on both coasts while improving organizational infrastructures and operational efficiencies, Jamie has played many roles over his twenty-seven year career in Catholic Ministry. Those roles include Development Director, Program Director, Assistant Chaplain, Public Relations, and Marketing Coordinator. Jamie graduated with a B.A. in speech communication from the University of Richmond and completed his M.A. in Ministry from Saint John's Seminary in Boston and an M.A in Advancement and Philanthropy from St. Mary's University in Minnesota. Jamie and his wife, Kristina, currently reside in Redondo Beach, CA, with their six boys and one daughter.



"We are confident that their unique perspectives and strategic insights will be invaluable as we navigate the evolving landscape of higher education and continue to advance our mission to be the voice and promote the mission of the Church among its students in higher education by empowering campus ministers through the formation, networking, and resources," added 2023-2024 executive board chair, Katie Diller-Gleason.



We are also excited to congratulate Troy Woytek, Director of Campus Ministry at the Catholic Student Center at Washington University in St. Louis, and Hilary Draftz, the Western Area Director for FOCUS, as the incoming chair and vice chair of the CCMA executive board for the 2024-2025 academic year.

CCMA sincerely thanks outgoing executive board members, Jim Mello, Andrew Robinson, and Jacob Laskowski, for their dedicated service and invaluable contributions to the organization's growth and success. We are also grateful to Katie Diller-Gleason and Jim Mello for their service as chair and vice chair for the 2023-2024 academic year.

For more information about the Catholic Campus Ministry Association and its Executive Board of Directors, please visit www.ccmanetwork.org or contact Rosie China Shawver at admin@ccmanetwork.org.

About the Catholic Campus Ministry Association:

Starting in the 1960s as an apostolate within the USCCB, CCMA is now its own separate 501c3 that comprises over 600 campus ministers across more than 300 campuses, serving as the official U.S. network for professional Catholic campus ministers on Catholic and non-Catholic campuses. Our vibrant community is unwavering in its goal to form bold, joyful Catholic leaders who will transform the world. We are committed to equipping campus ministers to be passionately Catholic, ministry-capable, and professionally confident. We aim to provide visionary leadership, standards of excellence, and practical resources for campus ministers. Our mission is to help campus ministers reach more students for Christ and the Church. We provide opportunities for spiritual and professional growth, equipping them with research and data to advocate for campus ministry and teaching essential skills for a successful and sustainable career.

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