

March 8, 2022

Dear Friends,

A short time ago, St. Bonaventure University [announced](#) the appointment of Jeff Gingerich, Ph.D., Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, to serve as their 22nd President. Dr. Gingerich will succeed Dr. Joseph Zimmer, who has served as acting president since Dr. Dennis DePerro passed away March 1, 2021.

Dr. Gingerich was unanimously selected after a nine-month search process led by a committee comprising trustees of St. Bonaventure, as well as administrators, faculty, staff and students. He will be introduced to the St. Bonaventure community at a 12:30 p.m. press conference Wednesday, March 9. The press conference will be streamed live on their [university's](#) ustream.tv channel.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Gingerich on this fitting recognition of the leadership, innovation and devotion to mission that we have come to appreciate during his tenure at Scranton.

Dr. Gingerich enjoys a special place in the University's history, having served as acting president following the death of Rev. Scott R. Pilarz, S.J. His impact on our campus can be seen in so many ways. A key institutional leader throughout the pandemic, he guided the University and its faculty through unprecedented transitions to online and hybrid classes before returning to fully in-person instruction. He also oversaw the successful conclusion of the University's most recent accreditation review by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and led the University's planning efforts, which culminated in a new Strategic Plan.

Dr. Gingerich's tenure included a renewed focus on securing federal support for research and sponsored programs. In just the last two years, for example, Scranton received more than \$2

Dr. Gingerich will conclude his service to Scranton on June 1, 2022. In the coming weeks, I will share information about our plans to celebrate his service to Scranton and to address the need to identify an interim provost. For now, please join me in congratulating and thanking Dr. Gingerich for all that he has done and continues to do to serve our students and advance our mission.

Yours faithfully,  
Joseph G. Marina, S.J.  
President  
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