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## – Memo –

TO: SHSST faculty and staff  
FROM: Fr. Edward Kilianski, SCJ  
RE: Appointment of interim SHSST President-Rector  
DATE: February 8, 2017

As many of you are aware, the Priests of the Sacred Heart have spent the past few months seeking ways to enhance our commitment and presence at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, one of the major apostolates not only of our province, but of our congregation.

I have been in dialogue with our general administration in Rome, and with many of my fellow SCJs around the world, about collaborative possibilities for the future. There is a strong commitment to the seminary and I anticipate that starting with the next academic year we will have several more SCJs joining the seminary community in various capacities.

As you know, Msgr. Ross Shecterle completes his term as president-rector of SHSST at the end of the 2016-17 academic year. We are looking at several strong options to fill this position in the future.

However, we are not prepared to appoint a permanent SHSST president-rector at this time.

I am very pleased to announce that Fr. Tom Knoebel, a priest of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, has agreed to serve as interim president-rector for the 2017-18 academic year. Many of you know Fr. Tom, who has served in this position twice previously. He is professor emeritus of Systematic Studies at SHSST and a member of the SHSST Board of Directors.

Fr. Tom's term will be from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Fr. Tom for taking on this task, and I thank you, the faculty and staff of SHSST, for your continued dedication to a ministry that is important to me, and to the Church at large. Let us continue to keep each other in prayer.

Sincerely in the Sacred Heart,

Rev. Edward Kilianski, SCJ  
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