



SHRINE OF
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Announcing our Executive Director and Operations Director

"I am deeply grateful to His Eminence and the Board of Directors for entrusting me with this role to further the mission of the Shrine. I am also most thankful to the Shrine staff and volunteers who have been so kind and gracious in their support during my time this summer. Most of all, however, I ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to intercede for us and to keep us under her mantle of maternal charity and peace." – Fr. Paul N. Check

The Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe is pleased to announce the appointment Fr. Paul Check, a priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, as Executive Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Fr. Check, who has served the Shrine as Interim Executive Director since June 2020, brings to the Directorship many years of leadership experience, pastoral wisdom, and a dedication to the mission of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Fr. Paul Check will assume the Executive Directorship on August 15th, 2020.

A native of Bridgeport, Fr. Check was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Bridgeport in 1997 by Bishop Edward Egan. From 2008-2016, Fr. Check was the Executive Director of Courage International, for which he traveled extensively throughout the United States and overseas to make presentations to clergy about the Church's teaching on human sexuality. Check is currently the sixth Rector of St. John Fisher Seminary in Bridgeport.

Fr. Check is an alumnus of the Pontifical North American College in Rome and holds a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross. He served as an officer in the US Marine Corps for nine years, prior to his studies for ordination to the priesthood.

Fr. Check will be assisted in his Shrine leadership by newly appointed Shrine Director of Operations Greg Marco. Born and raised in La Crosse, WI, Mr. Greg Marco graduated from Saint Thomas Aquinas High School in 2005 and attended Saint Mary's University in Winona, MN. From 2006-2008 Marco became the first summer intern at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe working in the maintenance department, and assisting with the Dedication of the Shrine Church. Upon graduating from Saint Mary's in 2009, he became the Pilgrimage Coordinator at the Shrine, a position that he held for more than ten years. Most recently he worked for L&C Insulation, a mechanical insulation company based in La Crosse while continuing to serve the Shrine through the outreach of the Memorial to the Unborn. Greg and his wife Corene live in La Crosse, WI, with their five children.