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Newman Theological College Announces the Appointment of a New Academic Dean

Edmonton - Newman Theological College is pleased to announce the appointment of Sr. Dr. Zoe Bernatsky SSMI to the position of Academic Dean for a one-year term during the 2016-17 academic year commencing July 1, 2016. As Academic Dean Sr. Zoe will be the Chief Academic Officer of the College. Her responsibilities include oversight of College faculty, course planning to ensure the needs of students in all of our programs are met, working with students, faculty and staff to implement academic policies of the College, coordinating the overall assessment and development of academic programs, as well as offering expert advice to faculty, campus partners and others about the College's academic program and requirements.

Sr. Zoe has contributed greatly both to our mission of theological education and to the College community since she arrived in June 2014 to serve as Assistant Professor of Pastoral and Moral Theology. Sr. Zoe is a member of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, a community of women religious in the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy. She completed her Doctorate in Sacred Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University in February 2014. In addition to her scholarly work, Sr. Zoe has been a registered nurse since 1990. She has extensive experience in nursing, health care administration, chaplaincy, and spiritual direction.

Her previous experience as a senior executive in the health care context provides valuable administrative experience which will help her contribute greatly to the College in this new role. She will continue as a professor with a reduced teaching load in addition to her new duties as Academic Dean, a role confirmed by the College's Board of Governors. College President Dr. Jason West spoke of her appointment saying, "In her time at the Newman Sr. Zoe has become a highly respected member of the faculty. She brings to her new position a rare combination of theological wisdom, administrative experience, pastoral compassion, and a rich sense of the spirit of collegiality."

We are delighted that she will be lending her skills and talents to another important role in the service of forming ordained and lay ministers for the Church.

Dr. Jason West
President

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