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Fr. Louis Studer, OMI Named Oblate School of Theology's 20th President

SAN ANTONIO, TX (Jan. 1)—Fr. Louis Studer, OMI, former Provincial for the U.S. Province of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, has been named president of Oblate School of Theology. The Board of Trustees unanimously recommended Fr. Studer's appointment following a nationwide search conducted by a presidential search committee comprised of members of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate United States Province (OMIUSA), trustees, faculty, and administration. His appointment was approved by the Members of the Corporation of Oblate School of Theology. Fr. Studer will begin his role as president on July 1, 2024.

A humble and inspirational leader with a track record for building innovation through faithful excellence, a former pastor, and having served in a number of leadership roles in OMIUSA since the 1980s, Fr. Louis Studer will steward Oblate School of Theology as its 20th president since its establishment in 1903.

"We knew that leading Oblate School of Theology would present a compelling opportunity to the right candidate, and we are confident Fr. Louis Studer embodies the formidable set of qualities embedded in the presidential job prospectus at the beginning of the search," said Scott Woodward, DMin, current president of Oblate School of Theology. "Fr. Lou knows OST well and embodies the Oblate Charism that drives all work at the school. Anyone who meets him will find a welcoming heart that exudes mission and concern for the poor, the very heart of our institutional mission."

About Oblate School of Theology

Inspired by the charism of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Oblate School of Theology (OST) educates, forms, and renews men and women to "preach the Gospel to the most abandoned." OST is a community of scholars and students who respect and celebrate global cultural diversity through various languages, traditions, and backgrounds firmly rooted in Christ.