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New Director of Cemeteries

Thomas Jordan has been hired as the new Director of Cemeteries at Gate of Heaven and Calvary Cemeteries in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Mr. Jordan is a member of the Catholic Cemetery Conference (CCC) and arrives at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati after more than ten years managing Our Lady Queen of Peace Cemetery in the Diocese of Palm Beach. Jordan began employment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in January, 2020.

The previous Director of Cemeteries, Debra Crane, retired last month. Crane had been the Director since 2011. During her years of service, Gate of Heaven Cemetery underwent several renovations and expansions, including the cemetery's first indoor columbarium, featuring glass-front niches, providing families a new way to personalize and celebrate their loved one's memory while reflecting the Catholic Church's desire for the prayerful reverence of cremated remains. The Archdiocese is grateful for her years of service and leadership.

Jordan is a Pennsylvania native, but has lived in Florida since 1987. He moved to Ohio with his wife, Bridget, one of his three daughters, and his father-in-law. "It is a great blessing to join this dedicated team in serving the Archdiocese of Cincinnati community. We are committed to continuing to provide the corporal and spiritual works of mercy and to always striving to enrich our ministry and our relevance in the lives of those whom we serve," said Jordan.

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cincinnati is the 44th largest Catholic diocese in the country, with more than 450,000 Catholics, and has the fifth largest Catholic school system in terms of enrollment with more than 40,000 students. The 19-county territory includes 211 parishes and 111 Catholic primary and secondary schools.

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