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The Miraculous Medal Shrine Welcomes New Shrine Director, Fr. Michael J. Carroll, CM

Effective July 1, Fr. Michael J. Carroll, CM, will accept the role as Director of the Miraculous Medal Shrine and Spiritual Director of the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal. The role was previously held by Fr. William J. O'Brien, CM, who is retiring on July 1st.

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Fr. William J. O'Brien, CM: <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/8c74110e-7808-4548-832f-9bd25de6a4d1>

Fr. Michael J. Carroll, CM: <https://files.acrobat.com/a/preview/4006a19e-c704-4127-8f5d-4b14db1d4584>

Germantown, Philadelphia, PA — June 27, 2018 - The Miraculous Medal Shrine is pleased to welcome **Fr. Michael J. Carroll, CM**, as the new **Director of the Miraculous Medal Shrine** and **Spiritual Director of the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal (CAMM)**. Fr. Carroll was appointed by the Very Rev. Stephen M. Grozio, CM, Provincial Superior of the Eastern Province of the Congregation of the Mission, and will begin his new role on July 1, 2018.

Fr. Carroll, who formerly held the position of Provincial of the Eastern Province, succeeds Fr. William O'Brien, CM, who is retiring from his position after serving for two years as Shrine Director and Spiritual Director. He also previously served as CAMM's Executive Director from 1996 to 2002. In addition to these roles, Fr. O'Brien serves as Director of the Our Lady of Angels Association at Niagara University.

After the noon Mass on July 9th, there will be a reception for both of them in the Lower Shrine. All are invited to join us in thanking Fr. O'Brien for his years of dedication—and to help us welcome Fr. Carroll!

Introducing Fr. Michael J. Carroll, CM

Fr. Carroll, a native Philadelphian, remembers attending the Monday Novena at the Miraculous Medal Shrine with his mother and four siblings. After 41 years as a Vincentian priest in numerous leadership positions, his journey of prayer that began as a child at the Shrine has now come full circle.

Fr. Carroll has been training for this assignment all his life. He, like all Vincentians, has a strong devotion to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. “To me, the Miraculous Medal is the Medal of Hope. It is a clear sign of God’s care for each of us. Mary’s invitation to come to the foot of the Altar and share in her Son’s graces is a gift from God Himself. Her message couldn’t be simpler: God loves us and cares for us. I invite you to let God touch your heart.”

He talks passionately about his role in promoting devotion to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. “The Blessed Mother gave the Miraculous Medal to St. Catherine Labouré, and the task of promoting the Medal was given to the Vincentian Fathers. It was the wisdom of CAMM’s founder, Fr. Joseph P. Skelly, to invite men and women who knew the promise of the Medal to become Promoters. My hope as Director is to share the promise and gift of the Miraculous Medal with as many people as possible, and this can only be done with the support and help of our Promoters.”

Fr. Carroll will be assisted by the Shrine's team of associate directors, four Vincentian priests who help support people’s spiritual needs when they visit the Shrine: Fr. Michael Shea, CM, Fr. Michael Callaghan, CM, Fr. Francis Sacks, CM, and Fr. Thomas Sendlein, CM.

The Miraculous Medal Shrine, home of the Miraculous Medal Monday Novena, welcomes all visitors to our beautiful Shrine, located in the heart of Philadelphia. The Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal provides a sanctuary for prayer, meditation, and pilgrimage to God and to The Blessed Virgin Mary. Visitors are also encouraged to enjoy our Museum’s historical collection of Marian and religious artwork. The Shrine and Museum are run under the auspices of the Vincentian Community and the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal.

For over 100 years, The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal (CAMM) has dedicated itself to spreading devotion to Mary Immaculate and her Miraculous Medal. CAMM also supports the formation and education of seminarians, provides care to the aged and infirm Priests and Brothers of the Vincentians’ Eastern Province, and supports programs that assist the poor. For more information about upcoming events at The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal and the Miraculous Medal Shrine, please visit www.MiraculousMedal.org.

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