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Dear friends,

This is to officially welcome Gregory Floyd as the new Director of the Center for Catholic Studies at Seton Hall University as of July 1, 2020. So many people have dropped me notes to the effect that "you are leaving the Center in good hands!" I agree.

Greg comes from a great family with many ties to Seton Hall, and he himself brings a deep understanding of our contemporary culture and the role of the Catholic community in this culture. His philosophical work on Martin Heidegger is a great preparation for this dialogue. At the same time he brings the resources of Bernard Lonergan and the long tradition of Catholic philosophy to engaging in this dialogue. In this faculty development is central. As Lonergan once wrote, the minds of the faculty are "the constitutive meaning" of the university. At the deepest level they are the reason students come here: to specialize, yes, but also to learn about the contours of the universe within which their specializations fit. The growth and development of our minds as faculty is central to this process.

I have every confidence that at this critical time in our history Greg Floyd will enter into this project and carry it forward with grace and wisdom. My prayers are with him and with the whole Seton Hall University community. Ad moltos annos!

In the Lord,

Msgr. Richard M. Liddy

Director