

Date: August 19, 2020

Subject: A Message from the Chair of the Board

Dear Members of the University Community,

Earlier today, Scott R. Pilarz, S.J., shared a video in which he announced that he will step down as President of The University of Scranton at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 academic year on May 31, 2021. The Board has accepted his decision with an equal measure of gratitude and sadness.

As trustees, we could not be more pleased with the masterful way in which Father Pilarz has led the University throughout his presidency and especially during these past months – perhaps the most challenging time in our history. His love for the University – and especially our students – inspires all of us every day, and we take

hallmark of Scranton, and he has been steadfast in advancing the Catholic and Jesuit mission of the University.

In the days ahead, the Board will share information about the process to identify a successor to Father Pilarz through a national search. We will seek your input on the expectations for our next president and will ensure that the process is as inclusive as possible, within the necessary limits of confidentiality.

What will be foremost in the minds and hearts of the trustees, and I