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Very Rev. John C. Kemper, P.S.S. resigns as Provincial Superior  
of the Society of St. Sulpice, Province of the United States

Baltimore, MD – On April 24, 2020, Very Rev. John C. Kemper, P.S.S. submitted his resignation for health reasons effective May 1, 2020 as Provincial Superior of the Society of St. Sulpice, Province of the United States. His resignation was accepted by the General Council as required by the Constitutions (Art. 118). As first consultor, Rev. Daniel F. Moore, P.S.S. steps into the position provisionally to administer the Province as Acting Provincial Superior, effective the same date. He will serve in this capacity until the elections are held at the Provincial Assembly in Baltimore, Maryland in January, 2021 (Art. 119).

As Provincial, Father Kemper has done a great service to the U.S. Province and accomplished many tasks. Known for his expertise in building and construction, he has tended to several important projects, especially the beautifully renovated Villa Olier, the Sulpician Retirement Community. He also oversaw the acceptance of new missions at St. Anthony’s Seminary-Kachebere, Malawi and Assumption Seminary in San Antonio, Texas.

Most recently he oversaw a renovation of Providence Hall at Theological College, which has made an attractive space for welcoming priest-students at The Catholic University of America and for Chairing The Rev. John C. Selner, P.S.S. Endowed Chair for Sacred Music and Liturgy. These are only the most obvious of his achievements; there are many others. Very Rev. Ronald D. Witherup, P.S.S., Superior General of the Society of St. Sulpice commented, “most of all, we thank John for his selfless dedication to the members of the Province and his desire to see the mission of Saint Sulpice in the United States remain vibrant in order to meet the challenges of the future.”

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