

2019 IN-PERSON INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OF NEW STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

[Stoles are placed on shoulders of new Steering Committee Members]

CELEBRANT: Marian and Bob, this community has chosen you to serve on the Steering Committee with Margaret and Mike. With them you are asked to lead and to guide, to challenge and to stimulate, so that the Community's work is done and done well, and so that the life of the Spirit may increase in all of its members. May you be responsive to the whole community that asks for leadership that is sensitive to the Spirit speaking in all or anyone of us.

COMMUNITY: Amen

OUTGOING STEERING COMMITTEE:

COURTNEY: Marian, you have been a valued member of our community for many years now and you have shared your helpful insights to make PAX stronger and relevant in today's world.

CHRIS: Bob, you too have been a valued member of our community for many years now and have helped open our eyes to the needs of others and the power of prayer.

COURTNEY AND CHRIS: We pray that you both will now turn your thoughts and energy to the challenges of the Community as a whole as we continue our PAX journey and strive to meet the growth that lies ahead.

COMMUNITY: This stole is a symbol of the community's trust in you to be one of our leaders. Accept it as your commitment to serve.

NEW STEERING COMMITTEE: As the leaders of this community which now recommits itself to the continual renewal of life through prayer and service, we accept the call and the responsibility to involve ourselves in the world of people, ideas, and events. Let us move into a new creation as a people of love and service. May God grant us the grace to hear what we are called to be and to do. For, "We can do all things through the One who gives us strength."

COMMUNITY: Amen. Just as Christ has risen from death, so we too must walk in a constant newness of life. As our leaders, you can be effective and strong only in proportion to our response, our participation, our initiatives, and our commitment.

CELEBRANT: Almighty God, we ask that you bless the members of the Steering Committee. Grant them the gift of wisdom so that they may discern the will of the community even when it is struggling to discover its will. Help them to hear Your voice in both the many points of view represented in the community and in their inner hearts 'where You quietly make Your presence

known. Surround them with Your love so that they can respond to the promptings of the Spirit to work closely together to build a strong community of faith, comfort and celebration; devoted to the work of bringing peace and justice to the world.

COMMUNITY: Amen!