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**REVEREND TIMOTHY TARNACKI, O.S.P.P.E. APPOINTED  
DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE FOR MINISTRY WITH YOUNG ADULTS**

Today, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia announced that Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez has appointed Reverend Timothy Tarnacki, O.S.P.P.E. as the Director of the Office for Ministry with Young Adults (OMYA). He succeeds Mr. Matthew Davis, who served in this post since November 2020.

In making this appointment, Archbishop Pérez said, “The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is home to a vibrant and passionate young adult community. Over the past several years, the Office for Ministry with Young Adults has worked with great zeal to build a spiritual formation program that engages young men and women from various backgrounds as they work to develop an authentic relationship with Christ.”

I ask the people of our local Church to join me in prayerfully congratulating Father Tarnacki as he prepares to assume his new role. I know that he will help young adults encounter the transformative love of Jesus and inspire them to live a joyful life as a missionary disciple.”

The OMYA is part of the Office for Faith Formation for Youth and Young Adults. It was established by Archbishop Pérez in July 2020 to engage and accompany young adults as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) broadly defines young adults as people aged 19-39 who are single, married, divorced, widowed, in college, working, unemployed, incarcerated, or in military service.

Reverend Stephen P. DeLacy, Vicar for Faith Formation with Youth and Young Adults said, “I have deep gratitude to Matt Davis, the first director of the OMYA and the amazing work he has done by establishing the office as a multi-cultural outreach and furthering the culture of World Youth Day in the Archdiocese.”

“Father Timothy is a great successor to Matt as the new Director of the Office for Ministry with Young Adults in part because of his leadership with our World Youth Day mission Father Timothy is currently running a successful young adult ministry at Our Lady of Czestochowa, and being a

Pauline father, he brings the priority that all fruitful apostolic work starts with an encounter with God first. Father is a good and faithful priest. He brings gifts to the office regarding evangelization, Missionary Discipleship formation and pastoral care to the young adults of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.”

“I’m beyond thrilled that God called him to this ministry, and deeply grateful that the provincial of the Pauline fathers, Father Tadeusz Lizinczyk, and Archbishop Pérez have given him permission to serve in this ministry.”

### **Background on Reverend Timothy Tarnacki, O.S.P.P.E.**

Reverend Timothy Tarnacki, O.S.P.P.E. is a priest of the Order of Saint Paul the First Hermit, also known as Pauline Fathers and Brothers. He was born in Poland and immigrated with his family to the United States at the age of 12. He grew up in Stamford, Connecticut, and joined the Paulines by starting his postulancy after graduating high school in 2008.

Father Tarnacki attended the Pauline Seminary and the Pontifical University of Saint John Paul II in Krakow, Poland. He graduated with a Master’s Degree in Theology, specializing in Biblical Exegesis. He made his final religious vows in 2015 at the Marian Shrine in Czestochowa, Poland. Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski, Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre, ordained him to the priesthood in 2016 at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown (Bucks County).

Following ordination, Father Tarnacki began ministering at the Shrine. Since that time, he has been particularly involved with the Shrine’s youth and young adult ministry, being the co-founder of Czestochowa Young Adults (CYA) Group. He has also served in various capacities including Shrine media coordinator; chaplain and theology teacher for the Shrine’s homeschooling community; coordinator of lector and altar servers’ groups; and more.

Father Tarnacki also serves as Vocation Director for the American Province of his religious community and a member of the Pastoral Council of the Order. He previously served as a chaplain at Holy Family University in Philadelphia.

Father Tarnacki is a doctoral candidate at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C., working on the Doctor of Ministry Degree, specializing in evangelization.

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**Editor’s Note:** To learn more about the Office for Faith Formation for Youth and Young Adults, please visit <https://offyya.org/>.

A photograph of Reverend Timothy Tarnacki, O.S.P.P.E. is attached for publication purposes with credit to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.