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**Statement of Bishop David A. Zubik
on the Appointment of Dean Ken Gormley
as the New President of Duquesne University**
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The appointment of Dean Ken Gormley as the 13th President of Duquesne University is outstanding news. From my perspective as Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and as a two-time graduate of Duquesne University, the future of my *alma mater* promises to continue to soar under President Gormley's leadership which begins at the end of this academic year.

As Dean of the Law School at Duquesne University, Professor Gormley demonstrates the quality of leadership that is needed to carry Duquesne University to greater heights as Duquesne begins a significant new chapter in its history.

Given that the new president is chosen from within the university is a significant "plus." His commitment to Duquesne University and its mission as a truly Catholic university bodes well for its future. He knows Duquesne. He loves Duquesne.

I strongly support President Gormley's appointment. As I congratulate him, I look forward to working with him. It is a thrill to give a "hometown" a pat on the back and an open hand of cooperation.

Finally, thanks to Dr. Charles Dougherty for his service as President of Duquesne University for fifteen years. I was privileged to be on the Board of Directors of Duquesne University and on the Selection Committee when Dr. Dougherty was chosen. He has done both the university and southwestern Pennsylvania "proud" in the good he has accomplished for and about Duquesne over the course of his leadership.