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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Concerned
FROM: Giovanni Virgiglio, Diocesan Chancellor
RE: Cornelius Bradt: Interim Director of Pyramid Life Center
DATE: 12/2/2022

Bishop Scharfenberger Appoints Cornelius Bradt as Interim Director of Pyramid Life Center

Bradt is a long-time camper, volunteer, and previously served as Assistant Director under Sr. Monica Murphy, CSJ

PARADOX, NY – Bishop Edward Scharfenberger has announced the appointment of Cornelius “Neil” Bradt as Interim Director of Pyramid Life Center. Pyramid Life Center, or PLC, is a 750-acre retreat center owned and operated by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany located in Paradox, New York on the shores of Pyramid Lake. Known for its pristine Adirondack wilderness and faith-filled programs, this rustic retreat is loved by many who visit each summer to rejuvenate their souls, deepen their faith, and build community with fellow campers.

“The Diocese is fortunate to have young leaders like Neil willing to step up when called to fulfill our mission of building community and growing our faith,” said Bishop Scharfenberger. “Pyramid Life Center is a special place to many people and knowing that Neil is someone who has many years of experience working at PLC and building friendships with the many people who visit is a strong attribute that he brings to this position. We’re excited to see PLC continue to thrive and make an impact on guests for generations to come.”

Bradt began visiting PLC when he was less than one-year old and has been to PLC every summer of his life. He began working in 2007 as a dishwasher, gradually gaining more responsibility until he served as Assistant Director to Sr. Monica Murphy, CSJ.

“I am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue my service to the Pyramid Life Center community,” said Bradt. “With the assistance of the Bishop, Diocesan leadership, the Pyramid Board of Advisors, and my wife Courtney, my goal is to ensure Pyramid is a place for everyone to come to experience community and spiritual growth for years to come.”

Bradt was appointed to this interim post with the unanimous support of the Pyramid Life Center Board of Advisors, a group of long-time PLC campers and volunteers.

PLC is currently preparing for the 2023 season, with many familiar programs, retreats, and parish gatherings. Those interested in joining or hosting a retreat or parish program can learn more about PLC at PyramidLife.org.

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and to bring Christ’s healing presence to our world.*