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PROVIDENCE WELCOMES TED LEASOR AS NEW ATHLETIC DIRECTOR



Our Lady of Providence High School is pleased to announce Ted Leasor as its new athletic director effective June 1, 2021. Leasor is a Louisville native who has more than 20 years coaching experience at the collegiate and high school level as well as prior experience as a sports administrator.

Leasor, a graduate of Holy Cross High School, played Division II basketball while earning his bachelor's in sport management at Flagler (Fla.) College. While earning his master's in education with a concentration in sports administration at the University of Louisville, he served as offensive graduate assistant for the school's D-I football team. He also is certified in strength and conditioning and said he is eager to share his expertise with all Providence sports teams.

After earning his master's degree in 2002, Leasor returned to Florida, where he taught and coached boys' basketball and football at the high school level until returning to Southern Indiana to coach football at Madison Consolidated High School in 2007. In 2010, he became assistant athletic director at Shawnee High School for three years.

As a volunteer, Leasor has been involved with New Albany Deanery sports for seven years, including as co-athletic director at his parish, Saint Mary of the Knobs. He coaches Deanery football and basketball and is a founding member of the Southern Indiana Catholic Football Committee as well as a member of the Saint Mary of the Knobs Youth Basketball League Committee.

Leasor said he is grateful for the opportunity to direct athletics at Providence and is eager to begin working with the Pioneer community.

"For me, this is a dream role to serve at a faith-based educational institution with such a rich tradition of academic and athletic excellence, service to others, and a commitment to developing the whole person," Leasor said. "My family and I are extremely honored to join such a great school and community."

President Victor Beeler said that Leasor stood out from the many candidates who applied for the position and looks forward to working with him.

"I am pleased to announce that after an exhaustive search that included in excess of 80 candidates from 12 states, Providence has named its next athletic director," Beeler said. "Ted's education, credentials, experience, and his family's commitment to Catholic

education align with the mission statement of Our Lady's school, and we are excited to welcome him to the Providence family."

Leasor and his wife, Jessica, live in Henryville with their four children, who attend Saint Mary of the Knobs Catholic School. Their eldest daughter, Isabella, will attend Providence as a freshman in 2021-22.

Leasor fills the role most recently held by Mickey Golembeski, who is retiring in June after more than a decade at Providence.