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Fr. Victor Laroche, OP, welcomes new Xavierites as new University Chaplain

cornerstone of its history and identity. Recently, the University welcomed Father Victor Laroche from the Order of Preachers as the new Chaplain and special assistant to the President for Catholic identity. A member of the Dominican Friars and originally from Haiti, Laroche comes to the campus versed in his commitment to holistic education and the pursuit of truth.

A gifted linguist, Laroche is fluent in four languages- English, French, Haitian Creole and Spanish. He is also able to read and speak both Italian and Portuguese efficiently.

The father hit the ground running at Xavier, participating in the traditions observed by Xavier during New Student Orientation. He led masses, prayers, rituals and more, inspiring hundreds of first-time students with his homilies.

The mission statement of my Dominican Province resonates with the mission of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacraments and their call to share the gospel message, especially among the ^{said} Laroche. I hope to prayerfully proclaim the Word of God, share the gospel message, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus, following the examples of St. Dominic, St. Martin de Porres, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Katharine Drexel

...iar with the University. His appointment continues the tradition of having a Dominican Friar serve as the spiritual leader of Xavier, who have been present at Xavier since the 1940s. Laroche succeeds the mantle from Father Etido Jerome.

Laroche made his first profession to the Dominicans in 1996 and was ordained in 2002. He holds a Master of Arts in Theology and a Master of Divinity from Aquinas Institute of Theology. He has served in various leadership roles, chaplaincy, non-profit, campus ministry, and canonical and pastoral responsibilities. Most recently, he was the Socius and Vicar Provincial for the Dominican Province of St. Martin de Porres from 2018 to 2022.

He brings a wealth of knowledge from his experience as a young adult minister. He has previously acted as a retreat and spiritual director, as well as a pastoral care/grief counselor across diverse cultures and age groups. In Haiti, he assisted with the planning and supervising of faith-led alternative spring breaks and served as an interpreter. For three years, he was elected House Supervisor.

