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Catholic Medical Association Announces Dr. John A. Schirger as President of its Board of Directors

PHILADELPHIA, PA – FEBRUARY 1, 2019 – The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) is proud to announce that Dr. John A. Schirger is now serving as President of its Board of Directors.

Dr. Schirger brings years of experience and insight to the CMA and currently practices Cardiology in the Midwest. His work includes an emphasis in advanced heart failure and novel therapeutic strategies for advanced heart failure.

"To have the opportunity to lead our remarkable Board of Directors is an honor and a blessing," said Dr. Schirger. I look forward to the year ahead and working closely with our great members to ensure we carry out the mission of the Catholic Medical Association."

In addition to earning his medical degree from Creighton University, Dr. Schirger also holds a Master's Degree in Philosophy from The Catholic University of America. His unique academic background allows him to bring a valuable and meaningful perspective to the CMA.

"We are excited about the year ahead under Dr. Schirger's leadership. He is committed to medical excellence and building key partnerships that will not only grow the CMA, but will also serve the common good. Additionally, his personal faith is a witness to all," said Mario Dickerson, Executive Director of the CMA.

To begin his term as President, Dr. Schirger travelled to Nashville where he met with the entire Board of Directors to address strategic priorities for CMA in 2019. During his time there, Dr. Schirger focused on many critical topics, including building strategic partnerships, addressing effective ways to build public awareness on key medical issues, as well as how the CMA can better support its growing membership.

"Our time in Nashville was inspiring and has created incredible momentum, giving the CMA a strong foundation on which we can create meaningful growth in 2019."

Dr. Schirger's appointment to Board President follows Dr. Peter Morrow, who served in the role for the CMA during 2018.

"John is a thoughtful and compassionate leader who will be outstanding in working collaboratively with other organizations as we further the CMA's mission. He has a deep philosophical nature and this will be a great gift to the CMA," said Dr. Morrow.

Dr. Schirger looks forward to serving as Board President and is eager to lead the Board and continue the CMA's mission to uphold the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine.

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The Catholic Medical Association is a national, physician-led community of over 2,200 healthcare professionals consisting 104 local guilds. CMA's mission is to inform, organize, and inspire its members, in steadfast fidelity to the teachings of the Catholic Church, to uphold the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine.

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