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DALLAS – The Saint Peter Damian Society is pleased to announce various news items to its membership regarding important projects in the Society.

On February 21, 2021, the Feast of St. Peter Damian, Jonathan Carp has transferred his position as general director to Patrick Button. This change in leadership was mutually decided in view of the best interests of the Society.

Patrick, raised Catholic, attended Benedictine College and graduated from Notre Dame Law School. Patrick now resides in Florida where he works as an attorney.

In his first letter to Damianite members, Patrick stressed a message of hope and renewed the call for Catholics to continue to pray, do penance, and invite others to the Society.

"[St. Peter Damian] did not believe the cause of reform in the Church was hopeless," Patrick said. "Neither do we. We love the Church. For all the crimes and sins of her members, for all her scandals, she is the One True Church of Jesus Christ, founded by the Lord to spread the Gospel and do the good work of God upon Earth. She is currently full of crime and sin and corruption. But such has been the case before. She has been purified before. She will be again."

The full letter can be read at: <u>https://damianites.org/letters/patrick-button-intro</u>

Further, the Society is excited to finally publicly release the commissioned icon of St. Peter Damian. Painted by artist Gwyneth Thompson-Briggs, the painting will be available for free download for personal devotion. The Society thanks its members for their generous support and donations. The Society plans to try to soon make prayer cards and prints available in addition to just the downloadable file. The file can be found here: https://damianites.org/news/icon-available/

QUOTABLES:

"I wish to thank Mr. Carp immensely for his great service, for all the good he did as governor of the Society. He has led us from our very beginnings, and we would not have achieved all that we have achieved were it not for his leadership." - Patrick Button, SPDS General Director

More information can be found at <u>damianites.org</u>.

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