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The Shrine Announces



Tom Vincent, Chairman of the Board

Tom and his wife of 34 years, Georgia, became full time lake residents in the fall of 2019 after having acquired a vacation home at the lake in 2011. Tom was raised on a traditional grain and livestock farm in southeast Iowa and graduated from Iowa State University with a degree in farm operation. He began his banking career of 22 years in Kansas City and in 1990 he accepted a position with an Iowa Bank Holding Company near Des Moines and later became president of the agricultural banking division of that bank. Throughout his banking career he remained passionate about farming and invested during that time in land and swine production facilities. That provided the opportunity to engage in full time farming in 2006. The Vincent's received the Iowa Environmental Leader Award in 2018 for outstanding conservation efforts on their farms. While still actively engaged in farming, Tom and Georgia have begun implementing a succession plan, transitioning active management of their farm to two young and entrepreneurial farmers. In addition, Tom is an associate with an Iowa consulting firm providing financial analysis and benchmarking to farmers along with grain and livestock marketing advice. Tom served on the board of directors of the National Pork Producers Council and is presently a board member of the Iowa Soybean Association. He was a member of FarmHouse Fraternity and served its Iowa Chapter Association Board as President and Building Committee Chair, overseeing a \$3.2 mill. expansion and renovation project. He was named the fraternity's outstanding alumnus in 2017. Tom spent numerous years as finance council chair at his Parish in Iowa and was an active Kiwanian. Tom and Georgia's two children live in Boise, ID, where they are both completing their master's degrees.

The Shrine appreciates previous Chairman, **Don Drake**, for his 24 years of service, leadership, and devotion to The National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church. As the founding Chairman of the board, his vision, commitment and dedication has led to the development and legacy that evolved into this magnificent Shrine.