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Halstead Joins Ascension Gulf Coast Leadership Team

John Halstead, MDiv, has joined the leadership team of the Ascension Gulf Coast ministry market in the role of chief mission integration officer. This Ascension market includes Sacred Heart Health System in Northwest Florida and Providence Hospital in Mobile, Ala.

Halstead will focus on all aspects of mission integration, including strategy, governance, ecclesial relations, formation, workplace spirituality, ethics, spiritual care, community health and benefit, and various collaborative relationships. The scope of this role includes hospital and outpatient operations, the medical groups and other ministry-wide functions within the Gulf Coast ministry market.

Halstead served for seven years as vice president, mission and ethics, for the South Central region of St. Louis-based Mercy Health System, and for five years prior to that as the executive director, mission integration, at Catholic Health Partners (now named Mercy Health and based in Cincinnati), after having served as lead chaplain for three years.

Halstead earned a bachelor's degree in Theological Studies at Pensacola Christian College and a master's degree in Educational Administration from Ohio Bible College, Conneaut, Ohio. He also earned a master of divinity degree from Winebrenner Theological Seminary, Findlay, Ohio, and is pursuing his doctor of bioethics degree from Loyola University Chicago.



About Ascension

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