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### **Bishop appoints new Marriage Ministry director**

*Former seminarian Adam Storey will lead the diocesan Office of Marriage Ministry*

Bishop Richard Pates has appointed theology teacher Adam Storey as director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Des Moines. He succeeds Deacon Dennis and Sarah Luft who retired recently.

Originally from Des Moines, Adam is an alumnus of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. He also attended St. John Vianney Seminary during a portion of his time at the university. He served in the United States military for six years. Currently, he is pursuing a graduate degree at Augustine Institute in Denver.

For the past two and a half years, Adam has been an instructor of theology and coach of rugby and wrestling at Dowling Catholic High School in West Des Moines. His wife, Kara, serves the National Catholic Rural Life Conference in communications. She and Adam are expecting their first child in December.

Bishop Pates, in announcing the appointment, said: “Adam is a very worthy successor to the Lufts and I believe will enable the diocese to continue to very effectively implement one of the five current priorities of the Diocese of Des Moines, Marriage and Family Life.”

*The Diocese of Des Moines includes 81 parishes in 23 counties in central and southwest Iowa.*