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From a Syracuse corner store to Le Moyne's top job

John Smarrelli Jr. is the college's first non-Jesuit leader; will he become its permanent president?

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By Nancy Cole
Staff writer

John Smarrelli Jr. credits working in his parents' corner grocery store in Syracuse, where he did everything from slicing deli meat to accounting, as helping him get to where he is today- the Le Moyne College president's office.

"It gave me a lot of skills, people skills, I never would have had," Smarrelli said of the former Hixson Market on the city's East Side.

Smarrelli, a Le Moyne alumnus, is the college's first non-Jesuit leader and currently only one of four non-Jesuit leaders of the nation's 28 Jesuit colleges and universities, according to the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities. The others are: Georgetown University, in Washington, D.C.; Saint Peter's College, in Jersey City, N.J.; and University of Detroit Mercy, in Detroit, Mich.

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Smarrelli took over Le Moyne's presidency on an interim basis when the Rev. Charles Beirme stepped down May 20 after seven years as its president.

Le Moyne's Board of Trustees set up a presidential search committee and hope to have a new president in place by September 2008, said Mary Cotter, the board's chair. Smarrelli said he is "leaning toward" being a candidate.

Hiring a non-Jesuit to lead Le Moyne has opened a debate among the board members and others at the college.

"There are board members who say, 'We're never going to get another Jesuit president so let's just deal with it and get a lay person,' and I say, 'and a bunch of other people say, 'Well, there are still some good Jesuit people out there who could run a college and we need to do everything we can to find them,' " she said.

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Before he left, Beirme appointed the Rev. David Casey, a Jesuit and Le Moyne philosophy professor, to serve in the president's office as director of mission and identity for the college, a new position for Le Moyne. Casey sits in on cabinet meetings and works with the faculty. Smarrelli plans to work closely with Casey.

"The thing I have to do, particularly with our alums, is make sure there is no loss in the . . . Jesuit nature of the institution. I am confident I can do that, but there is a certain symbolism that I have to live up to," Smarrelli said.

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