



## **King's University College Appoints Dr. Robert Ventresca as 10<sup>th</sup> President**

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London, ON - King's University College is pleased to announce that Dr Robert Ventresca has been appointed as its next President.

A respected scholar, a collaborative leader, and a long-standing member of the King's community, he will serve a five-year term as King's 10<sup>th</sup> President, effective immediately.

"Dr. Ventresca brings proven leadership, a deep understanding and appreciation of King's mission and a strong and dynamic vision for its future," said King's Board Chair Paul Tufts. "Rob received overwhelming support from the advisory committee and our Board of Directors as the very best person to lead King's at this critical time in our history. His vision for our future will serve as an important mandate for his presidency."

The appointment follows a rigorous national search from applicants across Canada and around the world and included an extensive consultation process with the King's community that included open town halls, in-depth interviews with key stakeholders, and an open online survey.

"Dr. Ventresca's outstanding leadership, thoughtful engagement with faculty, staff and students, and unwavering commitment to academic excellence and King's mission made him the best choice for King's next President," Tufts said.

"I am deeply humbled and honored to be entrusted with the leadership of King's at this pivotal moment in our history," Dr. Ventresca said. "Our community has always been animated by the Catholic intellectual and social traditions; dynamic and inclusive traditions that nourish a deeply rooted mission of service. I look forward to working collaboratively and cooperatively with all members of our community as we write the next chapter of King's history together."

Dr. Ventresca has a proven track record as a mission and values-based leader at King's. He assumed the role of interim President in September 2024 and led the University with compassion and distinction through one of its most challenging times in recent history.

"Rob's extensive experience across both academic and administrative roles has made him an exceptional leader for King's," said Amna Wasty, a member of the Advisory Committee and Manager of King's International. "His proven commitment, depth of institutional knowledge, and steady guidance during challenging times demonstrate his readiness to continue leading with integrity and care."

Dr. Ventresca began his post-secondary career as a first-generation undergraduate student at King's in 1989. He obtained his Ph.D. in History from the University of Toronto and returned to join the faculty at King's in 2000. Since then, he has achieved teaching and research excellence, with numerous publications to his name. He has served as Vice President Academic Dean (interim) 2023-2024, and

Academic Dean (interim) 2022-2024 at King's. An outstanding scholar and the winner of many prestigious academic awards, Dr. Ventresca is also a member (emeritus) of the College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists at the Royal Society of Canada.

"Rob is a superstar scholar-teacher with an unparalleled and evocative connection to King's", said Dr. Thomas Tieku, a Politics and International Relations Professor and a faculty member of the advisory committee. "His qualifications and application materials demonstrate a deep understanding of King's history, its present realities, and its future potential. He has clearly thought carefully about how to position King's as one of the very best, if not the best, liberal arts universities in Canada."

Professor Tieku was also impressed with the hiring process.

"This has been one of the most outstanding advisory committees for an executive search that I have ever been part of," he said. "The remarkable quality of applicants also speaks to how highly regarded King's is as a place to work and lead.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Ventresca on his permanent appointment.

"We want to extend our sincere thanks to the selection advisory committee for the time spent working on this selection and the King's community for their important and valuable input," Tufts said.

### **About King's University College**

Founded in 1954, King's University College at Western University is a liberal arts university college rooted in the Catholic intellectual tradition. As an affiliate of one of Canada's top universities, King's offers a personalized and holistic education that helps students find fulfillment and meaning in life and work. Students benefit from small classes, outstanding faculty, and a close-knit, inclusive, and supportive community on a beautiful 34-acre campus. Guided by respect for the human person, King's is committed to diversity, accessibility, social justice, and the common good.

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