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FR. SEAN CARROLL, SJ, serves as provincial of the Jesuits West Province, which represents the Society of Jesus in 10 Western states of the U.S. His mission as provincial began on July 31, 2021, the feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

From 2009 through 2021, Fr. Carroll served as the executive director of the Kino Border Initiative (KBI), a binational Catholic ministry serving migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border. The KBI focuses on humanitarian assistance, education, research and social-pastoral outreach and was named in honor of Eusebio Kino, SJ, a 17th-century Jesuit who ministered in what is now Sonora, Mexico and Arizona. The KBI was founded by the then-California Province Jesuits and five other religious groups on both sides of the border.

Born in South Weymouth, Massachusetts, Fr. Carroll spent most of his childhood in Southern California. After earning a bachelor's degree in history from Stanford University, he entered the California Province of the Society of Jesus in 1989. Ordained to the priesthood in 2000, he served for four years as associate pastor at St. Patrick's Church in Oakland, California.

In 2004, Fr. Carroll moved to Los Angeles, where he became associate pastor of Dolores Mission Church and, two years later, also assumed responsibility for helping coordinate pastoral initiatives for the then-California Province Jesuits. As part of this ministry, he assisted with the exploratory phase of a new migrant ministry in Southern Arizona and Northern Mexico, which led to the creation of the Kino Border Initiative.

Fluent in Spanish, he earned a master's degree in theology from the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, California (now known as the Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University) and a global executive MBA from Georgetown University. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the University of San Francisco and Brophy College Preparatory in Phoenix.