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EMBARGOED UNTIL FEB. 17, 2019 AT 3PM

17 February 2019

Official Appointments:

- **Father Eric Fasano**
- **Rev. Msgr. William Koenig**
- **Rev. John McCartney**



Fr. Eric Fasano



Rev. Msgr. William Koenig



Fr. John McCartney

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK – February 17, 2019 – With the announcement that the Holy Father has appointed Bishop Robert Brennan to serve as the Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, announced the following appointments effective March 1, 2019:

Father Eric Fasano as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. Father Fasano currently serves as Co-Chancellor of the Diocese of Rockville Centre and Secretary to Bishop Barres. Father Fasano will continue to reside in the Episcopal Residence in Rockville Centre. “Father Fasano has a pastoral and missionary heart that is as large as the Church,” said Bishop Barres. “His rich interior life and commitment to prayer, his pastoral experience, wisdom and understanding of the real life problems that our priests and the families in our parishes face every day, make him an exceptional Church leader. He is a top-flight canon lawyer and pastoral strategic planner with a sharp intellect who has empathy and compassion for everyone he meets.”

Reverend Monsignor William Koenig as Priest Personnel Advisor. Along with Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski, Father Edward Sheridan, the Vicar for Clergy Personnel, and the Priest Personnel Board, Rev. Msgr. Koenig will advise Bishop Barres on priest assignments. Msgr. Koenig will continue his duties as Rector of Saint Agnes Cathedral and he will continue to reside at the Cathedral. “Msgr. Koenig is one of our beloved and deeply experienced pastors who loves the priests of the Diocese of Rockville Centre,” said Bishop Barres.



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“Our priests of every age naturally open up to him and trust him. His inner peace, wisdom, understanding, experience and counsel will be invaluable in supporting our priests and our parishes, and discerning how our priests can grow in holiness and mission as they serve the great parishes of Long Island in challenging times.”

Father John McCartney as Co-Chancellor, Associate Moderator of the Curia and Secretary to Bishop Barres. Father McCartney is currently the Pastor of the Church of Saint Mary, Roslyn. Father McCartney will reside at Saint Agnes Cathedral. “Father McCartney is a dedicated pastor immersed in creative parish evangelization that reaches the minds, the hearts and the souls of his parishioners,” said Bishop Barres. “He has a gift for expressing Catholic theology and biblical scholarship in a way that the people in front of him can receive and be inspired by. He has a fine intellect that was honed by his professional experience as a civil lawyer and litigator. He is an exceptional homilist, writer, communicator and strategic thinker.”

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