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BISHOP BARRES CELEBRATES MASSES THIS WEEKEND FOR THE CANONIZATION OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK – October 11, 2018 – Over 90 pilgrims from the Diocese of Rockville Centre will soon travel to Rome to attend the October 14, 2018 Canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Pope Pius VI and five other blessed. In communion with those attending the canonization, Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre will celebrate Masses this weekend in parishes with large communities of Salvadoran immigrants.

“Nearly four decades ago in El Salvador, Archbishop Romero showed the world how a successor to the apostles should lead,” said Bishop Barres. “He died as a witness to the truths of the Catholic faith, but most especially, he died proclaiming Catholicism’s focus on the inherent dignity of every human being.” At 6:25 p.m. on March 14, 1980, Archbishop Romero was celebrating Mass at the chapel of the Divina Providencia Cancer Hospital, when, during his homily, a gunman entered and fatally shot him in the heart.

Saturday, October 13

WHAT: Mass for the Canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero

WHERE: Church of Saint Anne, 88 Second Avenue, Brentwood, NY 11717

WHO: Bishop John Barres

WHEN: October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 14, 2018

WHAT: Mass for the Canonization of Archbishop Oscar Romero

WHERE: Church of Our Lady of Loretto, 104 Greenwich Street, Hempstead, NY 11550



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WHO: Bishop John Barres

WHEN: October 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Bishop Barres has written a pastoral letter to the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre on the Occasion of the October 14, 2018 Canonization of Archbishop Romero, entitled: *Archbishop Saint Oscar Romero: A Catholic Martyr who Made the Holy Sacrifice of His Life While Celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass*. To read it, visit www.drvc.org.

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