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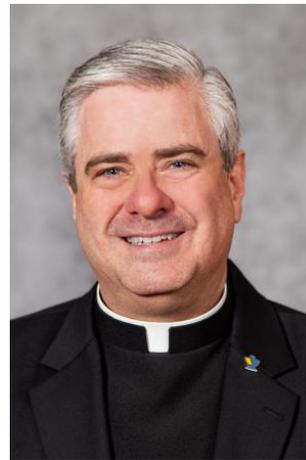
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BISHOP BARRES TO CELEBRATE MASS IN RECOGNITION OF LONG ISLAND'S HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

- *Mass will take place in St. Agnes Cathedral on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 11 a.m.*
- *Fr. Kevin Creagh, C.M. will be the homilist*



ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY – October 5, 2023 – The Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre will celebrate a Mass for Health Care Professionals on Sunday October 15, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes. Father Kevin Creagh, C.M., Senior Vice President for Mission Integration, Catholic Health will be the homilist.

Masses for Health Care Professionals are special opportunities to ask God's blessings for all those serving in the health care field – doctors, nurses, medical technicians, hospital administrators, emergency personnel and every dimension of staff service provided. We offer prayers for the souls of all health care professionals who have died.



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Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will broadcast this Mass, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2023. CFN is found on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296 and Spectrum channel 162/471. The Mass can also be viewed at any time after 11:00 a.m. on cfntv.org. You can also watch CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV and Android or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching for “Catholic Faith Network” or “CFN.”

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About the Diocese of Rockville Centre -2023

The Diocese of Rockville Centre (www.drvc.org) was formed in 1957 and covers 1,198 square miles in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The diocese serves approximately 1.3 million baptized Catholics* (total population in both counties is approximately 2.5 million). There are 132 parishes plus 1 campus parish in 115 towns. The diocese is blessed with 328 total priests (160 active diocesan priests, 667 religious women, 54 Brothers and 273 permanent deacons. In 2021, 8,553 baptisms, 9,402 confirmations, 9,422 First Holy Communions and 1,052 Catholic marriages took place in the diocese. There are 11,054 students in Catholic elementary schools; 10,093 students in Catholic high schools and 4,883 students in higher institutions. There are 35 Catholic elementary schools (31 parish or regional and 4 private), 9 high schools (2 diocesan, 2 parish and 5 private) and one Catholic college (Molloy University, Rockville Centre) in the diocese. In 2021, there were 83,412 children in parish Faith Formation programs. In 2021, Catholic clergy and community provided consolation to families and loved ones of 12,544 deceased Catholics at 4 diocesan and 20 parish cemeteries. Catholic Health is an integrated system encompassing some of the region's finest health and human service agencies. The health system has nearly 17,000 employees, six acute care hospitals, three nursing homes, a home health service, hospice and a network of physician practices. Catholic Charities of Long Island shares the love of Jesus by offering dignified and compassionate care to poor and over 1.3 million, face-to-face services to an average of 58,000 neighbors from 53 sites in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The diocese maintains Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media platforms. Catholic Faith Network, broadcasts 24/7/365. The diocesan website drvc.org averages approximately 18,000 unique visitors each month. *As of 2021