



## THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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### **CHRISM MASS SET FOR MARCH 26 AT 4 P.M.**

#### *Plenary Indulgence Imparted*

**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY – March 21, 2024** – All are welcome to attend the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes (29 Quealy Pl., Rockville Centre). This celebration of the Eucharist is exceptionally beautiful and steeped in rich symbolism. It is celebrated by the diocesan bishop, who is joined in concelebration by his auxiliary bishops and the priests of the diocese. This Mass “is one of the principal expressions of the fullness of the bishop’s priesthood and signifies the close unity of the priests with him.”<sup>1</sup>

During the Chrism Mass, the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre will consecrate the Oil of Chrism and bless the Oil of Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick. These holy oils will be used throughout the Diocese during the coming year in celebration of the sacraments. Priests of the Diocese will also renew the promises they made on the day of their ordination.

This year, a pontifical blessing with a plenary indulgence attached will be imparted at the celebration of the Chrism Mass. The following conditions must be fulfilled in order to obtain the plenary indulgence:

1) Detachment from all sin, even venial. 2) Confession of sins in the sacrament of Penance. 3) Reception of Holy Communion. 4) Prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

Having fulfilled these conditions, the faithful who attend this Mass and receive this blessing will benefit from the indulgence along with those who participate through radio, television or livestreaming.

Catholic Faith Network will broadcast this Mass live on the: Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS channel 296 and Time Warner Cable channel 471. Viewers can watch the Mass online at [www.cfntv.org](http://www.cfntv.org).

Note: Television cameras are permitted inside the Cathedral. However, all television crews must secure permission to gain access to the Cathedral for Holy Week and Easter services by calling the Office of Communications in advance.

Reporters and still photographers are permitted inside the Cathedral but are asked to remain in the designated areas for the media. All media (including still photographers and video cameras) are asked to stay out of the center aisles at all times.