



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE


DECREE ESTABLISHING THE SEVENTH EDITION OF THE ETHICAL AND RELIGIOUS DIRECTIVES FOR CATHOLIC HEALTH AS PARTICULAR LAW IN THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Whereas it is my responsibility as Diocesan Bishop to safeguard the integrity and unity of the truths of the faith, moral principles, and ecclesiastical discipline in the works of the apostolate pertaining to health care in the Diocese of Rockville Centre (cf. canons 392, 394, 678, and 747);

In accordance with canon 29 of the Code of Canon Law, I hereby decree that the Seventh Edition of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services (ERD's)* constitutes particular law in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The Seventh Edition of the *ERD's* is to be promulgated as particular law in the Diocese of Rockville Centre on May 26, 2026, in accordance with canon 8 §2, by publication of the text on the Internet Website for the Diocese of Rockville Centre (www.DRVC.org) and by delivery of a copy of this decree to the chief executive officer and the sponsors of all Catholic health care institutions located in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

The supplementary directives and guidelines to the Sixth Edition of the *ERD's* (which we promulgated on December 12, 2022) shall remain normative and in force in concert with the provisions of the Seventh Edition of the *ERD's*. These bylaws shall become effective and binding within the Diocese of Rockville Centre on June 26, 2026, directives or instructions to the contrary notwithstanding (cf. c. 8 §2).

Given at Rockville Centre
This 20th day of May, 2026


Most Reverend John O. Barres, S.T.D., J.C.L., D.D.
Bishop of Rockville Centre


Notary

