



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

DECREE DESIGNATING A SOLEMN FEAST FOR THE IMPARTING OF THE PONTIFICAL BLESSING WITH A PLENARY INDULGENCE

Whereas the diocesan bishop possesses the right to bestow the papal blessing with a plenary indulgence, using the prescribed formulary, three times a year on solemn feasts that he will designate (cf. Decree *Diversis ex locis* of the S. Apostolic Penitentiary, 12-14-1985, *AAS* 78 [1986] 293-294);

In accordance with canons 992-997 of the Code of Canon Law, I hereby decree that the pontifical blessing with a plenary indulgence attached will be imparted at the celebration of the Chrism Mass at Saint Agnes Cathedral on March 31, 2026.

The following conditions must be fulfilled in order to obtain the plenary indulgence:

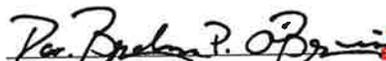
- 1) Detachment from all sin, even venial.
- 2) Confession of sins in the Sacrament of Penance.
- 3) Reception of Holy Communion.
- 4) Prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

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.

Given at Rockville Centre, New York
On this 24th day of March, 2026



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


Ecclesiastical Notary

