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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### VINCENT ALBRECHT NAMED PRINCIPAL OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL



**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK – December 20, 2023** – The Diocese of Rockville Centre Department of Education ([www.drvcschools.org](http://www.drvcschools.org)) has announced that Vincent Albrecht has been named principal of Saint John the Baptist Diocesan High School, West Islip, N.Y. ([stjohndhebaptistdhs.net](http://stjohndhebaptistdhs.net)). Mr. Albrecht currently serves as principal of Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic School, Syosset, N.Y. Mr. Albrecht will complete the 2023-2024 academic year at Saint Edward's and begin his new role with

Saint John the Baptist Diocesan High School August 1, 2024, following the retirement of current SJBDHS principal Biagio M. Arpino.

“Along with the entire Saint John the Baptist High School family, the Diocese of Rockville Centre expresses its sincere gratitude to Biagio Arpino for his years of dedicated service as principal and for his many years of service to the administrative team within the Department of Education,” said the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop, Diocese of Rockville Centre.

“The Diocese joins the students, families, faculty and staff of Saint John the Baptist in welcoming and prayerfully supporting Mr. Albrecht. His leadership as principal of Saint Edward's has been marked by innovation and a deep commitment to the well-being of his students and their families.



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“He is a true role model for educators and a beloved figure in the Saint Edward's community. We look forward to Mr. Albrecht bringing his love for Jesus Christ, an evangelizing missionary Catholic spirit and his extensive professional experience to Saint John the Baptist to help build upon its tradition of excellence.”

“I am so thankful to the search committee who met with many qualified candidates, asked pertinent questions and made their recommendations to the Bishop,” said Pamela Sanders, Superintendent of Schools, Diocese of Rockville Centre. “It was not an easy task, and it took many hours outside of their already busy schedules. The future of Saint John the Baptist Diocesan High School is a bright one with Mr. Albrecht taking on the job of principal. I am looking forward to working with him in his new role as is the entire staff at the Department of Education office.”

“I am grateful to Mr. Albrecht for his love of Jesus Christ and the mission of the Church,” said Father Matthew M. Browne, S.T.L., Director, Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and Bishop’s Delegate, Department of Education. “His Eucharistic spirituality radiates the light of Christ into every aspect of his vocation as a Catholic school educator and promises to assist the St. John the Baptist community to live in communion with Christ and joyfully embrace what the Gospel mandates.”

Under Albrecht’s leadership, Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic School has achieved remarkable success, being named Best Catholic School on Long Island four times (2018, 2021, 2022, 2023) and the best private school in Syosset in 2022. His dedication to innovation in technology education earned him the prestigious 2023 NASTECH NASTAR Award. He also serves as the Confirmation director for the Parish of Saint Edward the Confessor, demonstrating his unwavering commitment to his faith and the community.



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Mr. Albrecht, a man deeply devoted to his faith, family, and the education of young minds, has served for 12 years as the principal of Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic School. His unwavering commitment to excellence has earned him recognition as Bethpage Federal Credit Union's Best Principal on Long Island in 2017, 2018, and 2023.

"I am very excited about guiding Saint John's into the next chapter of its storied history," said Mr. Albrecht. "I firmly believe in the transformative power of a Catholic education, one that nurtures not only academic excellence but also faith, service, and a strong moral compass. I am excited to work with the talented faculty and staff, the dedicated parents, and most importantly, the wonderful students of this community to build upon that rich legacy of excellence!"

Before joining the Saint Edward's family, Mr. Albrecht served as an assistant principal in the East Meadow School District during the 2011-2012 school year. His passion for education led him to serve as principal of Holy Family School in Hicksville from September 2007 until July 2011. Before that, he served as assistant principal of Holy Angels Regional Catholic School, Patchogue, N.Y.

Mr. Albrecht's dedication to education extends beyond his administrative roles. He has a rich teaching background, having taught 9th and 10th-grade theology and Global Studies at Holy Cross High School, Flushing, N.Y.; Middle School Religion and Social Studies at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Academy, South Ozone Park, N.Y., and fifth grade at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Academy, Astoria, N.Y.

Mr. Albrecht's commitment to faith and community is evident in his ten years as Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at the Church of Saint Aidan, Williston Park, N.Y. and his three years in the same role at the Parish of Saint Francis of Assisi, Astoria, N.Y.



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Mr. Albrecht possesses an M.S. in School Administration and Supervision from Capella University, Minneapolis, Minn. and a B.A. in History from Queens College, City University of New York.

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### **About the Diocese of Rockville Centre - 2023**

The Diocese of Rockville Centre ([www.drvc.org](http://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 133 parishes plus 1 campus parish in 115 towns. The diocese is blessed with 328 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 enrolled in 35 Catholic elementary schools (31 parish or regional and 4 private); 10,093 students are enrolled in nine Catholic high schools (2 diocesan, 2 parish and 5 private) and 4,883 students enrolled one Catholic college (Molloy University, Rockville Centre). In 2021, there were 57,364 elementary and high school students 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 (CH) is an integrated system encompassing some of the region's finest health and human service agencies. With approximately 17,000 employees, CH consists of a network of six acute-care hospitals, three nursing homes, a home health service, hospice, a multiservice, community-based agency for persons with special needs 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. Catholic Faith Network (CFN), based in Uniondale broadcasts 24/7/365. The Office of Communications maintains robust Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media platforms and produces a weekly E-Newsletter. The diocesan website [drvc.org](http://drvc.org) averages approximately 18,000 unique visitors each month. \*As of 2021