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NEW COORDINATOR OF HISPANIC MINISTRY PROMOTES “SPIRIT OF ENCOUNTER” SAYS BISHOP-ELECT ROMERO, M. Id. VICAR FOR HISPANIC MINISTRY

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK – May 8, 2020— Karol Garcia was recently appointed



coordinator of Hispanic Ministry and Evangelization for the Diocese of Rockville Centre and brings a sense of encounter and authentic development to the role, according to Bishop-Elect Luis Miguel Romero, M. Id.

“The appointment of Karol Garcia as coordinator of Hispanic Ministry and Evangelization has been an amazing grace for the Diocese of Rockville Centre,” said Bishop-Elect Romero. Garcia previously worked in the diocesan Office of Faith Formation, the Sacred Heart Institute and the V Encuentro of Hispanic Ministry, under the direction of Bishops Richard Henning and Nelson Perez, now Archbishop of Philadelphia.

“Karol is very talented in leadership, organizational skills and is fully bilingual,” said Bishop-elect Romero. “What is more important is her deep spirit of prayer and filial consciousness as roots of her enthusiasm in the ‘dramatic missionary growth’ expressed by Bishop Barres.” Bishop-elect Romero said Garcia “is taking on the complexity of the Hispanic Ministry and Evangelization Office with humility and love for the people she has to serve. Exemplifying the value of the ministry of women in the Church of the 21st Century, as Pope Francis expresses. Karol is a trustworthy person, always eager to learn and to work with team spirit and communion.”

“With sincere humility and fervent vision of the Gospel, I thank Bishop Barres and Bishop-Elect Luis Miguel Romero for their deep trust and encouragement as I take on this ministry to assist them in moving forward the mission of the Church here on Long Island,” said Garcia.

Garcia went on to say that Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation, “Rejoice and be Glad,” reminds us that “holiness is attainable if we remember who we are, baptized and beloved sons and daughters of God. We are not on this journey alone. When we support and encourage our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ we grow in holiness, and conform to Christ.”



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“Keeping this in mind, I would like to share how my life experience has been critical to this appointment,” she said. “I had a reversion to our Catholic faith in the last decade, and I am deeply thankful for all of the people that accompanied me, encouraged me, and prayed for me and with me. All of those faithful souls showed me the love of God and allowed me to understand that it is possible to walk in faith and to live a Christian life.”

“I would like to wholeheartedly embrace Bishop Barres’ constant exhortation and encouragement to dramatic growth as missionary disciples. God has called me to promote a culture of encounter, as a witness of God’s love, under the protection of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Joseph, patron saint of the Universal Church.”

As coordinator of the Hispanic Ministry and Evangelization Office, Karol Garcia is working with Bishop-Elect Romero, the Vicar for Hispanic Ministry, to promote the full participation of the Hispanic faithful in the life of the Church. The office serves as a resource to all pastors and people serving the Hispanic Catholic community.

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