



# DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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## OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

### STATEMENT

**DATE:** February 20, 2018

**RE:** Most Reverend Robert Coyle appointment

**FROM:** Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of Rockville Centre

This morning, I have the joy of announcing that the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has transferred and returned Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle, 53, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of the Military back home to the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Bishop Coyle will assist me and auxiliary bishops Robert Brennan and Andrzej Zglejszewski in the pastoral ministry of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Bishop Coyle will begin here with us on April 2, 2018. Please join me in welcoming Bishop Coyle back to Long Island.

Back in February 2013, Pope Benedict XVI appointed then Msgr. Coyle to be an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of the Military. At that time, Msgr. Coyle was serving as pastor of the parish of Corpus Christi in Mineola. Bishop Coyle was ordained and installed as bishop by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, J.C.D., Archbishop for the Military Services on April 25, 2013.

Bishop Coyle was born in Brooklyn in 1964, the son of Robert and Kathryn Coyle. He is the product of a life-long Catholic education. Bishop Coyle graduated from Saint Edward Confessor Elementary School, Syosset in 1978; Saint Mary's Boys High School, Manhasset in 1982; Fordham University, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, in 1986 and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington with a Master of Divinity in 1991 and Master of Arts degree in Theology in 1998. He was ordained to the diocesan priesthood by

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Bishop McGann in 1991 and served as an associate pastor first in the parish of Saint Dominick, Oyster Bay and then in the parish of Saint Patrick, Glen Cove. Bishop Coyle was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy on June 3, 1988 and served 24.5 years on active reserve duty before his retirement from the Naval Reserve on January 1, 2013. Serving as a U.S. Navy Chaplain, Bishop Coyle was deployed to the Middle East to serve on an aircraft carrier and to Norfolk, Virginia to care for the spiritual needs of sailors and their families. During a three year assignment aboard the USS Harry S. Truman aircraft carrier, Bishop Coyle deployed to the Middle East and served in Operation Southern Watch and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He then served as chaplain to the young men and women studying at the Merchant Marine Academy in King's Point. While assigned to the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier and deployed to Middle East for Operation Enduring Freedom, Pope Benedict named him a chaplain of honor with the title of Monsignor in 2008 in recognition of his outstanding service caring for the spiritual needs of Catholics and others of all faiths in the U.S. Navy.

I am grateful to the Holy Father for assigning us Bishop Coyle. I am also truly grateful for Bishop Coyle's pastoral service and for his leadership to the young men and women who defend our great country.

Please join me in welcoming Bishop Coyle as he begins his ministry in the spirit of dramatic missionary growth, to the presbyterate of Long Island.

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