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Rockville Centre Diocese forms Office of Parish Evangelization and Pastoral Planning to drive Dramatic Missionary Growth across Long Island

New appointments announced:

- Bishop-elect Richard Henning to serve as Vicar for Parish Evangelization and Pastoral Planning
- Deacon John Hogan to serve as Strategic Planner for Catholic Education
- Father Walter Kedjerski to serve as Rector of Seminary

ROCKVILLE CENTRE --The Diocese of Rockville Centre (www.drvc.org) today announced the creation of a new office -- the Office of Parish Evangelization and Pastoral Planning -- to help drive dramatic missionary growth across Long Island. Bishop John O. Barres has also appointed Bishop-elect Richard Henning to lead the office as Vicar for Parish Evangelization and Pastoral Planning. Bishop-elect Henning will continue in his role as Vicar for the Central Vicariate.

Bishop Barres has called on all the Catholics in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to contribute to the dramatic missionary growth that results from the proclamation of the Gospel. The creation of this new office will assist parishes in these efforts.

In collaboration with pastors, diocesan offices and lay leaders, the office will work to realize Bishop Barres' vision for the diocese. The office will examine current practices and projected trends in parish life. It will seek out and champion ideas that have produced strong results elsewhere and will seek to inspire and support new approaches in our schools and parishes.

Bishop-elect Henning



Bishop-elect Henning attended St. John's University, Queens, graduating in 1986 before studying for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington. He was ordained on May 30, 1992 at St. Agnes Cathedral by Bishop John McGann.

Bishop-elect Henning also earned a master's degree in history from St. John's University in 1988. He earned his Licentiate in Sacred Scripture from The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC. In 2007, he earned his Doctorate in Sacred Theology (STD) from The University of St. Thomas Aquinas, The Angelicum, Rome. In recent years he has directed the Parresia Project, a grant-funded initiative working to improve reception processes for international priests serving in the U.S. Bishop-elect Henning is fluent in

English, Spanish and Italian and is also able to read French, Greek and Hebrew.

Strategic Planner for Catholic Education

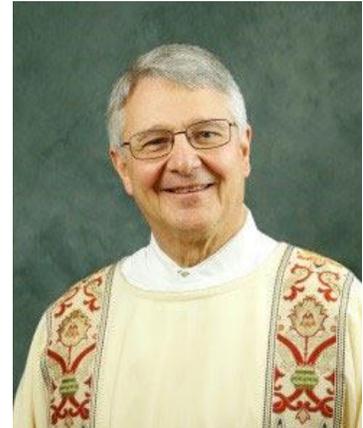
Bishop Barres has appointed Deacon John Hogan as the Strategic Planner for Catholic Education. Deacon Hogan comes to this new role with extensive experience in school administration and he will work with Bishop-elect Henning with a particular responsibility toward strategic planning for parish, regional and diocesan Catholic schools.

“I am blessed and humbled by Bishop Barres’ appointment and confidence,” said Deacon Hogan. “By the grace of God, we will all do good work for His glory and Catholic education in our diocese.”

Deacon John Hogan

Deacon John Hogan was ordained by Bishop Barres in 2017. Most recently he served as principal of Bishop McGann-Mercy Diocesan High School, Riverhead. Previously, Deacon Hogan served as superintendent of schools for the West Hempstead Union Free School District.

Deacon Hogan earned an MA in Theology from St. Joseph’s College, Dunwoodie, an MA in Political Science from Fordham University and a BA in Social Studies with New York State certification in Social Studies from St. Francis College, Brooklyn.



Seminary of the Immaculate Conception/Sacred Heart Institute

Bishop Barres has appointed Father Walter Kedjierski as the rector of the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception and director of the Sacred Heart Institute for the Ongoing Formation of Catholic Clergy.

Since entering into the Borromeo Partnership with the Archdiocese of New York and the Diocese of Brooklyn, the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception has become the largest and most active retreat and conference center in the region. The Sacred Heart Institute provides retreats and programs of education and formation to the 1,800 priests and deacons in the metropolitan area.

Father Walter F. Kedjierski



Father Walter F. Kedjierski was ordained by Bishop Murphy on June 8, 2002. He was first assigned to serve at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish in Franklin Square and was also asked to assist Bishop Murphy as a research assistant for his work with Inter-Religious dialogue. Soon after he was assigned as associate inter-religious officer for the Diocesan Office of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs. During this time he also taught theology and religious studies at St. John’s University in Queens..

In 2007 Father Kedjierski was assigned to Our Lady of Victory Parish in Floral Park and then, in 2010, became pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Center Moriches. Father Kedjierski served as a spiritual director and on the admissions board for the Diaconate Formation Program of the diocese.

In January 2015 Father Kedjierski was asked to become director of the Diocesan Office of Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs. In June of 2016 Father Kedjierski was named vice rector and director of Diaconate Formation at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington. He also accepted a position as an adjunct professor of Dogmatic Theology for St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers.

In 2011 Father Kedjierski earned an Ed.D. specializing in Ecumenical and Inter-Faith Education from the Graduate Theological Foundation in Indiana, and was given an award to continue his studies. Father Kedjierski enrolled in the Graduate Theological Foundation's Foundation House at Oxford University Program, successfully defending his Ph.D. thesis at Christ Church College, Oxford, England, in August of 2016. His thesis focused on the notion of ecclesial obedience demonstrated in the work of lay theologian Baron Friedrich von Hügel. He has published theological articles in a wide range of journals including *Logos: A Journal of Catholic Thought and Culture* and the *Princeton Theological Review*.