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DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE NAMES NEW CEO OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY – January 19, 2022 – The Diocese of Rockville Centre (www.drvc.org) and the Morning Star Initiative (MSI) today announced the appointment of a new



Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Education of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Karen Greve Milton, J.D. will assume responsibility for Catholic Elementary and High School leadership as the new CEO of the Department of Education, which provides services, support and guidance to those schools operated in connection with the Catholic-school ministry of the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Ms. Milton brings diverse and deep expertise in administration, as well as strategic and fiscal management, leadership, constituent relations and institutional advocacy.

The new position will report to the Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, and the Morning Star Initiative Team under the leadership of Brother Thomas J. Cleary, S.M., Chief Revitalization Officer of the Morning Star Initiative and President of Chaminade High School.

From left: Karen Milton, J.D., CEO of the Department of Education, Denise Smith, Ed.D., previous interim superintendent of schools, Department of Education, and Brother Thomas J. Cleary, S.M., Chief Revitalization Officer, Morning Star Initiative and President of Chaminade High School. A DRVC Office of Communications photo.



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Interim superintendent, Dr. Denise Smith, Ed.D. will continue to serve on the MSI Board. The appointment of Ms. Milton is effective immediately.

"I am most grateful to Brother Tom, the search committee and the MSI team for their hard work on this critical search," said Bishop Barres. "The appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Education with Karen Milton's multi-faceted executive management and leadership expertise will enable MSI to continue to execute its plan of ensuring the long-term sustainability of the great gift of Catholic education in the Diocese of Rockville Centre consistent with the four pillars of the initiative: Catholic identity, academic excellence, safe and nurturing school communities and sustainability. Strong and vital Catholic schools on Long Island are critical to Catholic evangelization and critical to our Long Island community. The Catholic formation of young men and women who love the Word of God and the Eucharist and who can intelligently and charitably witness to the truths of our Catholic faith in the public square is an essential contribution to the common good and Pope Francis' emphasis on global fraternity and solidarity."

"We are very excited that Karen Milton has agreed to serve as our CEO of the Department of Education," said Brother Thomas Cleary, S.M. "Karen brings a fresh set of eyes, organizational experience and is an agent for institutional transformation. Her experience and talent is what we need to ensure the sustainability of our Catholic Elementary Schools. She has an impeccable career history of bringing people together to achieve a larger goal."

"I am very grateful to Bishop Barres and his Executive Leadership Team and the Morning Star Initiative Team, led by Brothers Tom Cleary, Ken Hoagland, S.M. and Tim Driscoll, S.M., for the confidence and trust they have reposed in me to undertake this important role for our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Rockville Centre," said Ms. Milton.

"I am both excited and humbled by the task that lies ahead. There is no more important mission than our Morning Star Initiative to ensure the sustainability of our Catholic Schools here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. For it is through the sustainability of our Catholic schools that we renew the Catholic Church in the Diocese and ultimately, we renew the face of the earth."



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Karen Milton has forty years of public service experience working for the City of New York, the State of New York and the federal judiciary. During her career she has developed and implemented decision-making requirements for the effective and efficient operations of local and state government agencies and the federal judiciary in the areas of finance, procurement, human resources, information technology and cyber-security, continuity of operations and emergency preparedness planning, facilities management, building design and construction, property control, internal and auditing controls, program and event planning and civic education programming.

Most recently, Ms. Milton served as Chief of Staff at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Office of the Inspector General. There she developed and implemented all decision-making requirements for effective administration and operation, including finance, procurement, HR, IT, space and facilities, security and continuity of operations. Previously she served as Circuit Executive of the Second Circuit Court. In this capacity, she was the Chief Operating Officer on matters of governance, policy and compliance in the thirteen federal courts of the Second Circuit (NY, CT, VT) and Secretary to the Judicial Council of the Second Circuit and its committees. Milton earned a J.D. from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law and an A.B. from the University of Pennsylvania.

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About the Diocese of Rockville Centre

The Diocese of Rockville Centre (www.drvc.org) was formed in 1957 and covers 1,198 square miles in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. The diocese serves approximately 1.4 million baptized Catholics* (total population in both counties is approximately 2.9 million). There are 132 parishes plus one campus parish in 115 towns. The diocese is blessed with 336 total priests, 703 religious women, 61 Brothers and 275 permanent deacons. In 2020, 13,526 baptisms, 11,583 confirmations, 11,760 First Holy Communions and 2,169 Catholic marriages took place in the diocese. There are 11,077 students in Catholic elementary schools; 10,407 students in Catholic high schools and 3,409 students in higher institutions. There are 35 Catholic elementary schools (31 parish or regional and four private), 9 high schools (2 diocesan, 2 parish and 5 private) and one Catholic college (Molloy College, Rockville Centre) in the diocese. In 2020, there were 66,578 children in parish Faith Formation programs. In 2020, Catholic clergy and community provided consolation to families and loved ones of 9,439 deceased Catholics at 4 diocesan and 20 parish cemeteries. Catholic Health is an integrated system encompassing some of the region's finest health and human service agencies. The health system has 17,000 employees, six acute care hospitals, three nursing homes, a home health service, hospice 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. The diocese maintains Facebook, Twitter and Instagram social media platforms. Catholic Faith Network, broadcasts 24/7/365 to millions of homes; the weekly DRVC E-newsletter is emailed to more than 10,000 recipients. The diocesan website drvc.org averages approximately 18,000 unique visitors each month. *As of 2020