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### DIocese of Rockville Centre Names New Superintendent of Schools

**ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY – July 7, 2022** – The Diocese of Rockville Centre



([www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org)) and the Morning Star Initiative today announced the appointment of Pamela Sanders as the Superintendent of Schools of the Department of Education in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Mrs. Sanders has worked in education in the Diocese for more than twenty years, most recently serving as principal of Holy Name of Mary Catholic School in Valley Stream. She will assume her new position on August 1, 2022.

At Holy Name of Mary, Mrs. Sanders has worked closely with The Morning Star Initiative team, whose aim is to renew and transform Catholic education on Long Island. In 2021, under Mrs. Sanders' leadership, Holy Name of Mary School began an innovative partnership as a pilot school under the Morning Star Initiative.

Prior to joining Holy Name of Mary School, Mrs. Sanders served as assistant principal at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic School, Syosset. During her 14-years at St. Edward's, Mrs. Sanders also served as director of religious education, director of the Confirmation



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program, middle school religion teacher, and kindergarten teacher. She began her career in Catholic education as a teacher's aide at Trinity Regional School, East Northport. Prior to her career in education, Mrs. Sanders worked as an account executive for ADP.

Mrs. Sanders understands the importance of balancing a rigorous academic curriculum within a Catholic framework, emphasizing faith, service, and social justice. Her love of Catholic education stems from her own upbringing in the Catholic Church and her involvement in her home parish.

Pam earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from St. Joseph's College, and her master's degree in School Building Leadership from LIU Post. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Theology at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.

"I am extremely grateful to Bishop Barres and the MSI team for this tremendous opportunity," said Mrs. Sanders. "I am eager to work alongside the professionals in the Department of Education, pastors, principals, and faculty in our Diocese in serving the families and students in our Catholic schools."

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

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 1.4 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](http://drvc.org) averages approximately 18,000 unique visitors each month.

\*As of 2020

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