



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

TO: Diocese of Rockville Centre Parishioners and Friends

FROM: Bishop John O. Barres

DATE: March 26, 2021

RE: Sale of Pastoral Center

Today, the Diocese of Rockville Centre announced the sale of the Pastoral Center at 50 North Park Avenue in Rockville Centre. The buyer, Synergy Holding Partners LLC, paid \$5.2 million for the property, which includes the five-story office building on the corner of North Park Avenue and Sunrise Highway and the adjacent parking lot with a capacity for approximately 58 cars. The sale of the Pastoral Center has been approved by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court with the agreement of the Official Committee of Creditors that the proceeds from the sale will be used exclusively to compensate creditors.

While the sale officially closed today, the new owner has agreed to allow us to remain in the building until August 31, 2021. During this time, we are planning to move our departments to several smaller facilities that better suit our needs. With cost reduction efforts and operational streamlining, our current home is no longer an economical use of our resources.

We will continue to operate much as we have during the past year with many employees working remotely from home and those in the office or attending in-person meetings adhering to COVID-appropriate protocol. The sale and the upcoming move is not expected to interrupt daily operations of the Diocese. We will share more information on the move as it becomes available.

We want to assure you that during the transition to new facilities, all Diocesan programs and services will continue without interruption. It has been a time of great need in our communities, both spiritually and physically, and our team continues to work tirelessly to maintain their professionalism and fortitude in the face of the many daily challenges.