



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

FROM BISHOP BARRES...

2-4 August 2017

Memorials of Saint Peter Julian Eymard (2 August) and Saint John Vianney (4 August)

Dear Brothers:

Saint Peter Julian Eymard (1811-1868) and Saint John Vianney (1786-1859) were contemporaries and friends. Given their apostolic friendship and the proximity of their memorials on the liturgical calendar, we can seek their intercession together for the deepening of our priestly holiness and mission and rich new harvest of vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Saint Peter Julian Eymard intercedes for each one of us to be priests who “rekindle Eucharistic amazement” through the reverence of our facial expression, our tone of voice and our body language at the Altar. He teaches us that Eucharistic evangelization and catechesis are catalysts of *dramatic missionary growth* and the reform of the Church at very moment of history.

Thank you for the hours upon hours you spend in silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. These hours are reflected in your pastoral charity, your spirit of evangelization and the Eucharistic radiance of your kind and welcoming faces.

Saint John Vianney intercedes for each of us so that we can be both humble penitents who make frequent use of the Sacrament of Penance and wise and understanding confessors.

Saint John Vianney also interceded for us at moments of discouragement. It was his spirit of penance, tenacious interior life and mysticism, and his Eucharistic charity that was the instrument of the Divine Mercy to transform a listless and dysfunctional post French Revolution parish into a beachhead of dramatic missionary growth.

Thank you for your compassion, generosity, and availability in the confessionals of Long Island from Montauk to Elmont. It is a great inspiration.

Thank you for the inspiration you provide to me each day. Saint Peter Julian Eymard and Saint John Vianney, pray for us!



Fraternally in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

...AND FROM FATHER ARCOLEO

Priests and Pastors in particular want so desperately to “Untie the Not”, and help people recognize as we saw with Saint Peter during our remembrance of the Transfiguration, how good it is for us to be *here* for Holy Mass. That is why we never tire of seeking the Way to make it happen. From time to time for example, we will offer a Mass for a “special intention”. Here at Our Holy Redeemer, ever since we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of our absolutely beautiful church (2011–2012), those “special intentions” occur many times throughout the year when we remember “All Who Were Baptized at Our Holy Redeemer” (8 January 2018 at 9:00 A.M.), “All Who Were Married at Our Holy Redeemer” (11 February 2018 at 11:30 A.M.), “All Who Received Their First Holy Communion at Our Holy Redeemer” (3 June 2018 at 9:30 A.M.), and “All Who Were Confirmed at Our Holy Redeemer” (20 May 2018 at 11:30 A.M.), just to name a few or perhaps a Parish will offer a weekday Mass with school children present. In all these ways, your Priests, with help from “the reverence of our facial expression, our tone of voice, and our body language at the Altar”, hope to “rekindle (that) Eucharistic Amazement” of which Bishop Barres writes in his letter, so that all of us will see how good it is for us to be here.