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Diocese Announces Appointments Within Office of Chancellor

Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D., Bishop of Norwich has announced the appointment of Sister Elissa Rinere, C.P., J.C.D. as Chancellor, Diocese of Norwich. Bishop Cote further announces the appointment of Reverend Brian J. Romanowski as Vice Chancellor, and Reverend Peter J. Langevin also as Vice Chancellor.

Sister Rinere is a Passionist Sister with a doctorate in canon law from the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. She has served the Diocese of Norwich for the past twelve years in various directorship capacities as educator, Tribunal judge, liturgy advisor, ministry evaluator and as Director of the Office of Pastoral Planning and the Office for Worship. Her breadth of experience is especially well-suited for the position of diocesan Chancellor.

Father Romanowski has fourteen years of experience in service to the Diocese of Norwich as parochial vicar and administrator of several parishes, Pastor of St. Patrick Parish in Mystic, Chaplain at St. Bernard School, advocate and Tribunal judge and the Bishop's delegate for Safe Environments.

Father Langevin, currently parochial vicar at the Cathedral of St. Patrick in Norwich, is a former teacher and school administrator whose last post, previous to his ordination to the priesthood, was at Xavier High School, where he was Dean of Faculty Formation, responsible for overseeing the hiring and formation of new teachers. Father Peter brings first-hand background to the administrative responsibilities of the Vice Chancellor position.

In making these appointments, Bishop Cote noted that *"the Diocese is blessed to have the complementary talents and experience of these appointees who will continue in their new positions to help realize the greater mission of the Church to lift lives through God's love and hope."*

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