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**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK EXPANDS COVID RESPONSE TEAM,
HIRES TESTING AND VACCINE COORDINATOR TO OVERSEE
OPERATIONS ACROSS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Kevin F. Thompson to streamline current COVID testing process and establish future vaccine-related measures

In order to meet the growing needs of our school system during the evolving COVID-19 pandemic in New York, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Michael J. Deegan is announcing an expansion of the COVID Response Team of the Health and Safety Task Force of the Office of the Superintendent. Mr. Deegan is pleased to welcome Kevin F. Thompson in the new position of Testing and Vaccine Coordinator.

Mr. Thompson will join the team as a consultant to efficiently and effectively streamline the current testing process required by state mandate for schools to remain open. This work will play a part in establishing the logistical groundwork for our schools once a vaccine plays a role in the administration of our schools.

“We continue to rigorously follow the guidance of government health officials and to monitor the developments on COVID vaccines,” said Mr. Deegan. “There is currently no requirement to receive a vaccine, and we await direction on that front as well as the evolving COVID situation in the metropolitan area from the federal, state and city agencies. Mr. Thompson’s vast experience in managing planning and logistics will be invaluable as we step up our strategies to keep our schools safely open.”

Mr. Thompson holds a B.A. in Government and International Relations, as well as a Masters in Business Administration, both earned at The University of Notre Dame. Mr. Thompson served our country for six years in The United States Navy as an Officer. During his years at the consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton, Mr. Thompson led multiple strategic innovation and transformation efforts for a variety of clients, including large-scale infrastructure and energy projects at one of the largest federal agencies in the United States government.

Government testing and safety protocols are constantly changing as COVID-19 spikes throughout the New York metropolitan area. In addition to Mr. Thompson, Mr. Denis Sweeney, Esq and Ms. Theresa Hutchinson have also been engaged to enhance the efficiency with which COVID-related response is carried out. The expanded scope of the response team will ensure we meet regulations as they are issued so our school buildings may remain safely open.

Among those on the response team with greater day-to-day roles and responsibilities will be Coordinator Bridgette Mastaglio, Henry Costello, and Vincent Nabavi. Mr. Thompson and his colleagues will report to Mr. Deegan and Senior Associate Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Michael Coppotelli.

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