

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL

### CONGRATULATES CLASS OF 1980 ALUMNUS



*Bishop*

**ROBERT J. BRENNAN**

*8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn*

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School would like to congratulate Class of 1980 alumnus Most Reverend Robert J. Brennan on his appointment as the 8<sup>th</sup> Bishop of the Diocese of Brooklyn. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, appointed Bishop Brennan to the role to succeed current Brooklyn Diocese Bishop the Most Reverend Nicholas DiMarzio upon his retirement.

SJB Alumni Director Vincent Catapano commented, "This prestigious appointment is a truly proud moment for Bishop Brennan and St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School alike. I encourage the entire SJB alumni community to join me in congratulating Bishop Brennan on his new role and wishing him great success as he returns back to New York."

Bishop Brennan was raised in Lindenhurst and entered St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School in the fall of 1976. Upon his graduation in 1980, he went on to earn degrees in Mathematics and Computer Science from St. John's University before beginning his studies for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington.

Bishop Brennan was ordained a priest on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1989 in the Diocese of Rockville Centre and since ordination, he has held the following positions: Parish Vicar of *Saint Patrick* Parish in Smithtown (1989-1994), Special Secretary to the three bishops of Rockville Centre (1994-2002), Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia (2002-2019) and parish priest of *Saint Mary of the Isle* parish in Long Beach (2010-2012). Appointed Titular Bishop of Erdonia and Auxiliary Bishop of Rockville Centre on June 8, 2012, he received Episcopal consecration on July 25, 2012. Bishop Brennan also retained the post of Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia. On March 29, 2019, he was transferred to Columbus, Ohio where, as Bishop, he oversaw 23 counties in Central and Southern Ohio and over 100 parishes and schools.

St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School encourages everyone to keep Bishop Brennan in their thoughts and prayers as he celebrates his Mass of Installation on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2 p.m. at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph in Brooklyn.