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To Married Couples throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto,

As the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrates Marriage Sunday this weekend, I wanted to thank you for your commitment to the sacrament of marriage and the positive role your witness plays in strengthening our community.

Each of us has been called by God to a vocation, inviting us to use our gifts and talents to love and serve one another. By saying “yes” to marriage, you have entered into a lifelong journey that presents countless opportunities to demonstrate how a partnership centred on love and faith can make a profound impact in our world. This public witness is needed, more than ever, when we consider the daily challenges before us.

I encourage you to visit [www.archtoronto.org/marriage](http://www.archtoronto.org/marriage) for more information on the sacrament of marriage, useful resources for couples looking to enrich this covenant as well as helpful information for those considering this path in the near future.

I also wish to reach out in prayer and solidarity to those who have lost a spouse and others who have experienced emotional and physical pain through a broken relationship. Our Archdiocese has numerous resources available to support you on the path of healing and when any member of our family is hurting, we too share that pain.

The family arises from marriage, a gift that nurtures the faith experience in homes throughout the Archdiocese. Each day as you experience sacrifice, forgiveness, prayer and love, know that Jesus is beside you in your joys and struggles.

Once again, I give thanks for the tremendous contributions of married couples and all those who support you on the journey. Ever mindful of the sacrifices required to say “I do” each day, be assured of my gratitude, admiration and ongoing prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

*+ Thomas Collins*

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