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**MEDIA ADVISORY – For Immediate Release**

## **9,000 Years of Marriage Under One Roof**

*242 Couples from across the GTA Gather Feb. 12 for a “Celebration of Marriage”*

TORONTO, ON (February 10, 2023) – On Sunday, February 12, 242 couples with a collective 9,000 years of marriage will gather to celebrate their collective anniversaries at St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto. The “Celebration of Marriage” Mass, presided by Bishop Vincent Nguyen, will honour those celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60+ wedding anniversaries in 2023, the highlight of the Archdiocese of Toronto’s annual “Marriage Sunday” celebrations.

1,200 people, including families and friends of the couples being celebrated, are expected to attend the event, organized by the archdiocese’s Office of Formation for Discipleship in conjunction with local marriage enrichment movements. Couples will have the opportunity to renew their vows and milestone anniversary celebrants will be honoured with a special blessing.

For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will be streamed live on the St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica website: <https://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live/> for those wishing to tune in.

**When:** Sunday, February 12, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. Michael’s Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond Street, Toronto

**What:** Marriage Sunday Mass; couples renewing vows and receiving a special blessing; group photo of milestone anniversary celebrants

**Who:**

- 242 married couples from more than 100 Catholic churches across the Archdiocese of Toronto celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60+ years of marriage in 2023
- Bishop Vincent Nguyen, Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Toronto
- 60 couples will be celebrating 50+ years of marriage
- Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries will be available for interviews

The Archdiocese of Toronto is Canada’s largest diocese, stretching from Toronto north to Georgian Bay and from Oshawa to Mississauga. It is home to 2 million Catholics and 225 churches, with Mass celebrated in more than 30 languages each week.

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