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NEWS RELEASE

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24th ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASSES FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach, will celebrate the 24th Annual Anniversary Masses for Married Couples this February.

Married couples celebrating 25, 40, 50 or more years of marriage in the year 2008 will participate. Each year married couples and their families look forward to this blessing and affirmation of their life-long commitment to their sacramental vocation of marriage, a gift to the Church and an outward sign of God's faithful love.

Janice Petersen Minshew, Director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life said, "*We celebrate marriage because it is a wonderful sacrament that enriches family life for generations. Marriage is a gift, but one must work at it to keep it alive. Living the sacrament of marriage we learn devotion, sacrifice, wisdom and real love among other things.*"

This year's anniversary Masses will take place on Saturday February 9, 2008 at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church, 370 SW 3rd Street, Boca Raton and Saturday February 23, 2008 at St. Helen Catholic Church, corner of 20th Ave and 20th Street, Vero Beach. Both Masses will take place at 10:30 a.m. with a reception to follow.

Media coverage is welcome, please contact the Office of Communications in advance.

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