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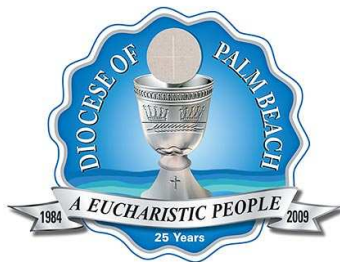
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NEWS RELEASE

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Closing Mass on the Occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Diocese of Palm Beach



On Saturday October 24, 2009 thousands of faithful from every parish in the five-county Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach will join together at the Palm Beach County Convention Center, Okeechobee Boulevard in West Palm Beach, for a Mass of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the Diocese of Palm Beach. A pre Mass concert will take place at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Mass of Thanksgiving which will be celebrated by Most Rev. Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of the Diocese of Palm Beach, who will be joined by Most Rev. Thomas Daily, the founding Bishop of the Diocese, Most Rev. John C. Favalora, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Miami and hundreds of priests, deacons and religious from the Diocese of Palm Beach. After the Mass a light reception will follow.

Over 4-thousand lay faithful are expected to turn out arriving on buses for the closing Mass which ends a year-long jubilee celebration of events centered on the Eucharist which occurred around the Diocese amongst the youth, the ethnic communities, the elderly and shut-ins, as well as priests, deacons and religious. Setting the anniversary theme “25 Years: A Eucharistic People” Bishop Barbarito characterized the centerpiece of the jubilee year by saying , *“The Eucharistic transcends time and space as it brings before us the Passion, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ. In that celebration we are united with the very Person of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity... through Him we are one with each other, the entire Church around the world and with all the saints in the fullness of God’s kingdom. Whatever our ethnic background may be, whatever economic condition, whatever our age or whatever language we speak, in the Eucharist we truly become one people in Christ.”*

The great Pope John Paul II established the Diocese of Palm Beach on October 24, 1984 from five counties taken from the Archdiocese of Miami and the Diocese of Orlando. On October 24, 1984, the Diocese of Palm Beach family formally came into existence when its first Bishop, the Most Rev. Thomas V. Daily, was installed.

Bishop Barbarito added, *“We look to the past with great gratitude and we look to the future with great hope...it is a great privilege for me, as your Bishop, to be part of the twenty-five year history of this great Diocese!”*

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About the Diocese of Palm Beach: <http://www.diocesepb.org/demographic/index.htm>

About Bishop Gerald M. Barbarito: <http://www.diocesepb.org/bishop/index.htm>

Florida Catholic: http://www.thefloridacatholic.org/plb/2009_plb/2009_plbarticles/20090917_plb_anniversary.php

More on the Anniversary: <http://www.diocesepb.org/anniversary/index.htm>

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