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**THIS SUNDAY, 110 COUPLES WILL CELEBRATE THEIR WEDDING
ANNIVERSARY AT NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL BASILICA**

On Sunday, May 5th at 2:30 pm, approximately 110 couples will renew their wedding vows during a Mass presided by the Most Reverend Terrence Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa, at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica – 385 Sussex Drive, Ottawa.

Couples will come together with their families and friends to celebrate their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, and 50th anniversary. Also, 11 couples are celebrating 60 years, one couple 61 years, another 63 years, two couples 65 years, and one 68 years of married life.

At the end of the Mass, each couple will receive a commemorative certificate signed by Archbishop Prendergast.

A special wedding anniversary Mass for francophone couples was held on April 21st, where approximately 75 more couples renewed their wedding vows.

This is an opportunity to celebrate the sanctity of marriage. Archbishop Prendergast said: “Over the years, they (the married couples) have revealed themselves to one another in the daily activities of family life. By this daily fidelity, their love has become deeper, richer and even more sparkling. They have discovered the truth of the teaching of Jesus that ‘it is better to give than to receive’ (Acts 20:35). The generosity of each of them has brought out the generosity of the other.”

“Their joy is our joy,” he added. “On Sunday, we will express this joy at the Table of God’s Word and Sacrament of Love – the Eucharist – where we celebrate together the perfect Act of Thanksgiving.”

All are invited.

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