

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Thank you for registering for the annual Bishop's Anniversary Blessing. Whether this is your first anniversary, or your 75<sup>th</sup>, we're happy to have you with us. We look forward to celebrating you, and the



hundreds of other couples throughout the diocese celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup>, 25th, or 50th (or more) anniversary of marriage during the 2025 calendar year.

On behalf of his Excellency, the Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M., we are so pleased that you will be renewing your commitment of marriage as part of the *Jubilee of Marriage*, a special Eucharistic Liturgy and blessing at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold, on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 3:00 pm.

A confirmation letter along with directions, your an admittance card, and freewill donation envelope will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to the event. While there will not be assigned seating, pews will be reserved in specific sections for all first, twenty-fifth and fiftieth+ anniversary couples. You are encouraged to bring family and friends to help celebrate this joy-filled event; seating for your guests will be available behind the reserved seating for anniversary couples. We thank you in advance for any contributions you may make to support Marriage Ministry in the Diocese.

Please plan to arrive at the church by 2:30 pm, thirty minutes prior to the event. Attire for attendees should be "semi-formal", comparable to what you might wear as a guest to a wedding, although you are welcome to dress "formally," but this is *not required*. All couples and their guests are invited to special post-event reception/happy hour with charcuterie, soft drinks, music and dancing immediately following anniversary blessing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (609) 403-7133, or email us at bab@dioceseoftrenton.org. We look forward to seeing you at the Bishop's Anniversary Blessing Mass and Celebration!

Wishing you and your family many blessings, The Department of Evangelization and Family Life

