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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### *Bishop to Recognize Married Couples*

(HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA) – Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate the first of two Wedding Anniversary Liturgies on September 10, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

During the Mass, the Bishop will recognize married couples who are marking milestone wedding anniversaries – first, fifth, tenth, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 55<sup>th</sup>, and 60<sup>th</sup>+ – this calendar year. Bishop Bartchak will greet each couple and present a certificate to couples who pre-registered through their parishes this summer.

“Marriage is a great vocation in our Church,” said Bishop Bartchak. “I look forward to affirming these couples as they fulfill their commitment to each other, and I hope that their family and friends will join them to show their support.”

The Bishop will celebrate the second Wedding Anniversary Liturgy on September 17, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.