



## The Diocese of Crookston

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*The Chancery*

TO: Parish Secretaries of the Diocese of Crookston  
FROM: Msgr. David Baumgartner  
Date: August 24, 2010

**RE: Celebration of Marriage Day  
Sunday, October 3, 2010  
2:00 PM Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**

I am grateful for all that you do in service to your parish, the Diocese of Crookston, and all God's people.

I want to share some information with you regarding the Diocesan Celebration of Marriage Day.

We will be sending you bulletin announcements in the weeks to come. I hope that you will be able to use them at a convenient time. In the bulletin announcements we will invite the people to RSVP to the parish office. We will want to know the names of the couple, the anniversary that they are celebrating, the number of people who will be attending the special Mass and meal, and whether or not they are a liturgical minister (extraordinary minister of Holy Communion or lector). You will be able to input this information through our Diocesan website, [crookston.org](http://crookston.org). Please look for the Celebration of Marriage Day link on the home page.

I hope that you would be able to seek out people who are celebrating special anniversaries (1<sup>st</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, and above 50) and offer them personal encouragement to come to this celebration. We will not be sending personal invitations this year and are hoping that encouragement from you and the pastor will suffice.

Again this year we would like to celebrate the marriages of widows and widowers as well. I would be grateful if you help them to know that they are invited to celebrate their marriages and receive Bishop's blessings on this special day.

Thank you for all that you do. I am sure that some days it feels like the Kingdom of God is resting on your shoulders. Take heart—it is!

May God bless you and your families.