

World Marriage Day is Feb. 13

Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien will celebrate the annual World Marriage Day Mass Feb. 13 at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen in Homeland, beginning at 3 p.m.

Catholics from across the archdiocese will gather to pray for married couples and recognize the longest-married couple of each parish in the archdiocese. Couples celebrating 25 years or more and couples serving in marriage preparation ministry will be recognized.

World Marriage Day, which is promoted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter, will take the theme "Love One Another."

"World Marriage Day received the apostolic blessing of John Paul II in 1993," said Bishop Kevin Rhoades of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind.

Bishop Rhoades, former rector of Mount St. Mary's University Seminary in Emmitsburg, is the new chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth.

"It has continued to grow and spread among many countries and faith expressions ever since," Bishop Rhoades said.

Resources for celebrating World Marriage Day may be found at <https://wmd.wwme.org>.