

## News Release

THE BASILICA  
OF SAINT MARY



Media Contact:

Angie Lien  
The Basilica of Saint Mary  
612.317.3520  
alien@mary.org

### A Union Reunion: The Basilica Centennial Marriage Reunion Unites Couples Across Generations

*Minneapolis landmark proves it's been more than a church for more than a century*

MINNEAPOLIS, January 10, 2008 — In celebration of its centennial year, The Basilica of Saint Mary will host a Centennial Marriage Reunion event on February 2, bringing together those who have been married, or will be married at the Minneapolis landmark.

“The reunion is an opportunity to unite generations of parishioners, while celebrating the sacrament of marriage and the rich history of The Basilica,” said Claire Mulligan, annual appeal coordinator, The Basilica of Saint Mary. “Those who have been married here share a love and special connection with our church.”

The Marriage Reunion will begin at 5:00pm with a special liturgy in the church. Attendees will be as involved in the Mass as possible, from bringing up the gifts to serving communion. The liturgy not only celebrates their commitments to each other, but also to The Basilica and the Catholic faith.

(more)

A reception will follow the liturgy, complete with hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and of course, wedding cake. Wedding-themed music spanning the century will be selected in advance of the reception by attendees, and will fill the room, as attendees share stories on love, faith and commitment.

“Thousands of couples have been married at The Basilica, all of whom have different stories to tell,” said Mulligan. “We’re looking forward to celebrating with such a wonderful group of people!”

Those who did not receive an invitation and are interested in attending may contact Claire Mulligan at 612.317.3407.

Based in Minneapolis, The Basilica of Saint Mary is a community rooted in the gospel of Jesus Christ. As the Co-Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, it is our mandate to model, to inspire, and to provide quality liturgy, religious education, pastoral care, and hospitality; preach justice and provide emergency relief to the poor; pursue interfaith relationships; and contribute to the celebration of the sacred arts of this community. The parish is marked by hospitality and rich diversity of age, ethnic, racial, social, and economic backgrounds.

For more information on the Centennial Marriage Reunion Event, or The Basilica of Saint Mary, please visit [www.mary.org](http://www.mary.org).

# # #