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2009 World Marriage Day Celebrated February 8

COLUMBUS – The Catholic Diocese of Columbus Marriage and Family Life Office and the Marriage Ministries Leadership Council invite married couples to celebrate World Marriage Day, at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, February 8, 2009, in Pastors' Hall at St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Sharon Woods Boulevard, Columbus.

Keynote speaker Kevin Anderson, Ph.D., marriage therapist and award-winning author, will present “The Surprising #1 Secret to Your Best Marriage.” An informal reception will follow his presentation.

Since 1995 Dr. Anderson has given hundreds of presentations at international, national, regional, and local events, many of which include how to find God in everyday life. Dr. Anderson's professional experience includes a private practice of psychology that specializes in marital and individual therapy. A complimentary copy of Dr. Anderson's [The 7 Spiritual Practices of Marriage](#) will be offered to the first 200 registered couples attending the program.

The observance of World Marriage Day was adopted by the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement's national leadership and continues to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions. In 1993, Pope John Paul II, imparted his Apostolic Blessings on World Marriage Day. This event honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of

society and the Church. It salutes the beauty of a couple's faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life.

For further information or to register for the World Marriage Day program, contact the diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or e-mail flomailbox@colsdio.org.