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Reverend and dear Monsignor/Father:

I am very sorry to announce that the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass**, scheduled for the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul on Sunday, September 27th, will have to be cancelled. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is one of the largest and most joyful events in the life of the Diocese, but the need to cancel is unavoidable. Every year the Mass draws a large number of couples (and their families), to the Cathedral for Holy Mass and a reception, but many of the attendees are advanced in age. The risks to the health of the participants would be significant.

It is certainly our hope and our expectation that the Wedding Anniversary Mass will be scheduled again next year.

In the meantime, we are still eager to recognize those couples in the Diocese of Providence who are celebrating significant wedding anniversaries this year. If you are aware of couples in your parish who are celebrating special anniversaries, (e.g., 25, 40, 50, 60 years or more), and would like them to be recognized, please send their names and mailing addresses and the number of years they are celebrating to my office, via regular mail or email, and I will be very happy to send them a personal letter and a signed certificate.

Thank you for your attention to this announcement and for your continuing pastoral care of your people. Together we look forward to and pray for that day when our normal pastoral activities can resume without disruption or fear.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence