

**Renewal of Vows:** *Cardinal Seán*

*Anniversary couples please stand.*

Dear friends, on your wedding day, you stood before the Church's minister and the community and solemnly vowed your love.

At this Golden and Silver Anniversary Celebration, you stand before the community of faith as a reminder of the great beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony.

You stand before your children who reflect the life and love you have given to them through your marriage.

You stand before those who are living the single vocation in the Church. Your marriage vows complement their lives of commitment and service to the Lord's call.

You stand before widows and widowers who recall the love and commitment shared with their spouses.

You stand before men and women who have suffered the pain of separation and divorce.

You stand before us as witnesses to the married love which Christ abundantly blessed on your wedding day. I invite you now to renew the promises you made in mutual and lasting fidelity.

**You will receive a copy of this at the Mass.**

*Anniversary couples please face one another, join right hands and repeat after Cardinal Seán.*

**I have taken you,  
and continue to take you,  
to be my spouse.**

**I promise to be true to you  
in good times and in bad,  
in sickness and in health.**

**I will love you  
and honor you  
all the days of my life. Amen.**

*Cardinal Seán:*

You have renewed your marriage vows before the Church. May the Lord in His goodness strengthen your commitment and fill you with His blessings. **Amen.**

**Prayer of Blessing:** *Cardinal Seán*

Almighty and eternal God, you have so exalted the unbreakable bond of marriage that it has become the sacramental sign of your Son's union with the Church and His spouse.

Look with favor on these married couples, whom you have united in marriage, as they ask for your help and the protection of the Virgin Mary. They pray that in good times and in bad they will grow in love for each other; that they will resolve to be one heart in the bond of peace.

Lord, in their struggles, let them rejoice that you are near to help them; in their needs let them know that you are there to rescue them; in their joys let them see that you are the source and completion of every happiness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**