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### Message from Bishop Robert P. Deeley on World Marriage Day (February 11)

On World Marriage Day, we celebrate Christian marriage, that relationship of man and woman, husband and wife, which gives rise through its generous love to new life. It is, as such, the place where family is born, life is nourished, joy is felt, and love is taught. It is the place where God becomes known. In the experience of love, we come to know there is a source of all love, and that is God. All of that we find in Christian marriage, the foundation of our Church, society, and culture.

Throughout our diocese, let us continue to strengthen marriage and family life as the light of the Gospel guides those who answer this call on the path to a full life.

May God bless you and strengthen you in your love for each other.