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Centennial celebration spotlights evangelization *Diocesan-wide event to feature testaments to following Christ*

The schedule for the Diocese of Des Moines Centennial Celebration set for November 6 at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines is full of numerous opportunities to grow in faith. Following the keynote address from Archbishop Emeritus Harry Flynn, of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, four Catholics from the Des Moines diocese will offer presentations on their experiences following and living in Christ. They are: Antonio Bañuelos, Kathy Regan and Ron and Maria Rossmann.

Bañuelos and his wife have been active in the Hispanic community via their parish, St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. They serve on the diocesan Hispanic Pastoral Commission and they are charter presidents of the Iowa Federation of Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Católico-USA (Christian Family Movement). In addition, Bañuelos was elected to the Executive Committee of the Iowa Knights of Columbus and is the state director for Cultural Outreach and for Family Activities for the Knights.

Kathy Regan, of St. Patrick Parish in Imogene, is a certified spiritual director. Regan has traveled to the Andes Mountains of Bolivia and Peru with Catholic Relief Services as part of the Called to Witness Program and she serves as a CRS Fair Trade Ambassador promoting and

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advocating for economic justice on behalf of people across the globe. She provides spiritual direction to people of all ages and serves as a consultant for Our Sunday Visitor curriculum division, creating and facilitating retreats and workshops.

Rosmann Family Farms, owned and operated by Ron and Maria Vakulskas Rosmann and family, is located northwest of Harlan. The Rosmanns attend St. Boniface Parish in Westphalia. Their farm has been certified organic since 1994 and they formed the organization Practical Farmers of Iowa, based in Ames, in 1985. PFI is devoted to profitable, environmentally-sound farming practices, especially through its on-farm research projects with ISU. Ron Rosmann has dedicated much of his efforts to the preservation of small and medium-sized family farms. He has addressed university groups, congressional hearings, businesses and other organizations. The Rosmann family has hosted tours of their farm from all around America and six continents.

The personal reflections from Bañuelos, Regan and the Rosmanns will lead to small-group discussions.

This diverse sampling of Catholics from across the Diocese of Des Moines and their respective experiences of living in Christ represents the spirit of the Church as the Des Moines diocese celebrates its past, present and future.

For more information on the Diocese of Des Moines Centennial go to <http://www.dmdiocese.org/diocesan-centennial.cfm>. To register, visit dmdiocese.org/100, or call 515-237-5097.

The Diocese of Des Moines includes 81 parishes in 23 counties in central and southwest Iowa.