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Be a Part of History: Diocesan Centennial Celebration this Sunday, Nov. 6

All are invited to be a part of the 100th anniversary celebration of the Diocese of Des Moines this Sunday, Nov. 6, at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines. Doors open at 9 a.m. and programming begin at 10 a.m.

Adults and children will begin the day at Hy-Vee Hall (Third and Center Streets). Youth, grades 6-12, will begin their day at the Polk County Convention Complex (Grand Avenue between Fifth and Sixth Avenues).

There is easy access to both locations. Free parking is available on the street and in city-owned parking lots and garages on Sunday.

Parking garages at 3rd Street and Grand Avenue and 7th Street and Grand Avenues will be free and open for those attending the Youth Rally.

Closer to Hy-Vee Hall, there is a large parking lot at Watson Powell Jr. Way and 4th Street available for free parking as well as the parking garage accessible on 7th Avenue between Crocker and Center Street.

Please note Iowa Events Center parking lots (those associated with Hy-Vee Hall and Veterans Auditorium) will charge \$7.

A small parking lot between the north side of Veterans Auditorium and Crocker Street can be used by the handicapped. Through the generosity of Mercy Medical Center, a shuttle bus will run from this parking lot to Hy-Vee Hall and back to assist those who cannot make the walk. Parking in this lot will cost \$7.

Busses are encouraged to use the Grand Avenue Bridge over the Des Moines River, as well as street parking where available. Use of Iowa Events Center parking lots are \$25 for busses.

Children, youth and adults will come together at Hy-Vee Hall for the afternoon festivities beginning at 2 p.m. No registration is needed. Afternoon activities include Centennial Commendation honors, a video and festive Mass.

A Google map of the Iowa Events Center, which includes Hy-Vee Hall, shows an overhead view of the site, surrounding streets and parking lots:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?msid=205978766076777625455.0004b0af693f3b55b8674&msa=0&ll=41.591246,-93.622355&spn=0.002712,0.00441&t=h&vpsrc=0&z=17>.

The following link on the Iowa Events Center website provides driving directions:
http://www.iowaeventscenter.com/directions_parking.aspx.

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