Parish & School Participation

All parishes and schools are invited and encouraged to join the jubilee celebration. How will you participate? The Diocese of Orlando requests that parishes and schools submit information about their plans and events by June 1, 2017 by emailing anniversary@orlandodiocese.org. We will incorporate these plans into our framework.

Some Ideas to Consider Include:
- Wall of Memory unveiled on the anniversary date of your parish or school
- Articles and videos created about founding members of your parish or school
- Public recognition of famous firsts, such as first pastor, first youth minister, first principal, first ordained deacon, etc.
- Mass of Thanksgiving to thank God for the gift of the parish or school
- Devotions such as rosary and novena in honor of the priests, sisters and brothers (living and deceased) who have led the faith community over the years
- Banners and signage displayed that communicate the history of your parish or school

For your convenience, the Diocese of Orlando Archives Office has compiled a list showing the year each of our parishes and schools was established. This year represents the year that a parish or school was canonically established by a local bishop. This year is used to determine official anniversary dates for diocesan purposes. Some parishes observe special anniversaries for a variety of other reasons including: date construction of church was completed, date of church dedication, date of ground breaking, date established as a mission, etc. Contact Renae Bennett, the Diocese of Orlando archivist with any questions about your parish history, 407-246-4920, rbennett@orlandodiocese.org.

The Florida Catholic publishes articles about parishes and schools celebrating 25, 50, 75 or 100 year anniversaries.