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Basilica To Observe Year For Priests with Opening Mass & Extended Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception announces that it will open the Year for Priests with a special Mass to be celebrated on Friday, June 19 at 12:10pm in the Crypt Church of the Basilica.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, Archbishop Emeritus of Washington, will be the principal celebrant and homilist.

Priests, religious and all the faithful are invited to attend. Priests wishing to concelebrate the Mass are asked to contact the Basilica's Liturgy Assistant, Zachary Keith, at 202-281-0602 or zmk@bnsic.org.

In further observance of the Year for Priests declared by Pope Benedict XVI, beginning June 19, 2009 and lasting until June 19, 2010, the Basilica will offer extended Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Crypt Church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings following the 8:30am Mass and concluding with Benediction at 12 noon. This will be in addition to the Basilica's regular schedule of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday mornings following the 8:30am Mass through Benediction at 12 noon and Friday afternoons following the 12:10pm with Benediction at 5pm.

For more information, please contact the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 202-526-8300.

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