



## CATHEDRAL CENTENNIAL – 2015

### *100 Years of Weddings* at the Cathedral of Saint Paul

Exhibit opens June 6, 2015

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(Saint Paul, Minn) Wedding Bells throughout the century will be celebrated in a very special centennial exhibit opening Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> following the 10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Paul.

Titled: ***“100 Years of Marriage at the Cathedral of Saint Paul,”*** the exhibit promises to be a walk through history as seen through 138 wedding photographs--from the first wedding in the “new” Cathedral on April 14, 1915 to the most recent, April 25, 2015. Among the weddings are descendants of Cathedral pioneers:

Isaac Labissonniere, who helped to build the log cabin Chapel of Saint Paul; C.H.F. Smith, who secured the down payment to purchase the land for the Cathedral. There are winter weddings bravely celebrated with brides walking in snow boots and spring weddings with newlyweds walking down the front steps of the Cathedral in a pelting rain. There are couples who arrived in carriages and others who rode away in vintage cars; one couple with their wedding party and guests, walked the length of Summit Avenue to their reception. The exhibit celebrates these and all the 138 couples, honoring the Sacrament performed at the Cathedral of Saint Paul for 100 years.



First double wedding (Jolly's and Fenlon's) on April 14, 1915

The exhibit's official opening day, Saturday, June 6, coincides with **Archdiocesan Marriage Day**. The Most Rev. John C. Nienstedt, Archbishop of Saint Paul-Minneapolis, will preside at the 10:00 am Mass. Couples celebrating their Silver and Golden Anniversaries will be honored in a special way.

After June 6, visitors will be able to view the exhibit Monday through Friday, noon to 3:00 pm, on Sundays after the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses, and at other times by appointment through December. 651-228-1766.

Cathedral Hours: The Cathedral doors are open Sunday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. More information on this and other Cathedral events is available at [cathedralsaintpaul.org](http://cathedralsaintpaul.org), or by phoning the Cathedral Welcome Center at 651-228-1766.

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