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**Sunday, October 4, 2009**  
**40th Annual Rosary Rally**

**10,000 Participants Expected**

**Cardinal Theodore E. McCarrick, Ph.D., D.D.**  
**Archbishop Emeritus of Washington**  
**To Serve as Homilist**

**1:00 PM Matachines, Aztec Dancers, Music**  
**2:00 PM Rosary Rally**  
**Isotopes Baseball Park**  
**1601 Avenida Cesar Chavez SE, Albuquerque, NM**

All are invited to attend this special anniversary celebration

ALBUQUERQUE - Friday, October 2, 2009 (IMMEDIATE RELEASE) The Rosary Rally will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. At the invitation of Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan, His Eminence, Ted Cardinal McCarrick<sup>1</sup>, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., will be the homilist.

The theme this year is "Our Lady of Guadalupe: Mother of Evangelization." The annual consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, asked for by Our Blessed Mother, will take place as part of the celebration. Participating in the procession will be the Knights of Columbus. Liturgical ministers and youth from throughout the Archdiocese have been invited to participate in the celebration. Deacon Manuel Montoya, Spiritual Director of the Rosary Rally expects approximately 30 priests to concelebrate the Holy Mass and 10,000 people to be in attendance. Parish youth will form the living Rosary and a city-wide choir will provide the music. Contact: Deacon Manuel Montoya @ 505.344.3791

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<sup>1</sup> During his five years as Archbishop of Washington, Cardinal McCarrick oversaw the start of a multi-cultural and social service center in Wheaton, Maryland; the establishment of a Lay Leadership Institute in downtown Silver Spring, Maryland, which focuses on the Hispanic community; and the reorganization of four of the Archdiocese's social service agencies into one organization, Catholic Community Services, which serves over 120,000 people each year.

He traveled around the world, including trips to areas affected by major natural disasters, such as Central America, Sri Lanka and Louisiana and Mississippi post-Hurricane Katrina, to ensure people in need would receive assistance, and to bring prayer and financial support.

He also continued to travel on behalf of Catholic Relief Services, and to fulfill various responsibilities for the Vatican and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Among many notable events, **Cardinal McCarrick was one of 115 Cardinals in the world who participated in the conclave that elected Pope Benedict XVI as the successor to Pope John Paul II in April 2005.**