



*Welcoming His Holiness*  
**Pope Benedict XVI**

The Archdiocese of Detroit

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Joseph Ratzinger was born on April 16, 1927  
and became Pope Benedict XVI on April 19, 2005

His Motto is "Cooperatores Veritatis"  
(Latin for "Co-Worker of the Truth")

Loving Father, we give you thanks  
for the gift and blessing  
of our new Chief Shepherd,  
Pope Benedict XVI.

Pour out upon him the seven-fold gifts  
of Your Holy Spirit  
that he may lead the Church  
in ways of unity and peace,  
that the Church, in turn,  
may be a strong voice and presence  
for the salvation of the world.

We ask this grace and we give you thanks  
through Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
forever and ever. Amen.