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Cardinal Maida Names Sr. Frances Nadolny, OP, Director of Education and Sr. Mary Gehringer, OSM, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, has announced the appointments of Sr. Frances Nadolny, OP, as director the Department of Education and Sr. Mary Gehringer, OSM, as superintendent of schools for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

The appointments were effective July 21, 2003. In their new positions, Sr. Nadolny and Sr. Gehringer will oversee 120 elementary and 34 high schools located in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Lapeer and St. Clair Counties.

Commenting on the appointments, Cardinal Maida said: “Catholic education has always been at the top of my priority list. The archdiocese is indeed fortunate to have these two veteran educators — women who have dedicated their lives to the Church — in key leadership positions.”

Sr. Nadolny, 56, is a member of the Adrian Dominican Sisters (OP) and has served as superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit for the past eight years. She succeeds Bishop-elect John Quinn as director of the Department of Education.

“I am honored the cardinal has the confidence and trust in me to allow me to lead the Education Department in its mission of faith formation,” said Sr. Nadolny.

Born in Detroit, Sr. Nadolny is the oldest of the six children of Irvin Nadolny of Holy Family Parish, Novi. She has four sisters and one brother and attended St. Agatha Elementary and High School in Redford.

Sr. Nadolny entered the Adrian Dominican Sisters in 1965 and holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) from Siena Heights College, Adrian; a Master of Arts (M.A.) in educational administration from St. Xavier College, Chicago; and a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in educational administration from Michigan State University.

Sr. Nadolny has held a variety of assignments in both the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Archdiocese of Detroit. In Chicago, she taught in Catholic elementary schools, served as religious education coordinator for middle grades at Infant Jesus of Prague Elementary School, Flossmoor; and was principal of St. Thaddeus Elementary School. In Detroit, she served as principal of St. Mary Elementary School, Royal Oak; and first as associate superintendent and then superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

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Sr. Gehringer, 55, is a member of the Order of Servants of Mary (OSM), also known as the Servite Sisters. She has served as associate superintendent for the Archdiocese of Detroit for the past five years. Her primary duties were to oversee the Michigan Nonpublic School Accrediting Association (MNSAA) accrediting process and to work with school committees. She succeeds Sr. Frances Nadolny as superintendent of schools.

“I am very humbled to be chosen for the job of superintendent and very excited and happy to be working with the great team we have in place in the Education Department,” said Sr. Gehringer.

Born in Omaha, Sr. Gehringer is the oldest of the eight children of Peg Gehringer. Six of her siblings have been teachers/administrators in either parochial and/or public elementary and secondary schools. She attended Marian High School in Omaha and entered the Servants of Mary after graduation.

Sr. Gehringer holds a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in English and elementary education from Briar Cliff College, Sioux City, Iowa; and a Master of Science (M.S.) in educational administration and supervision from the University of Nebraska.

During her career, Sr. Gehringer has held a variety of teaching/administrative positions, including teacher, assistant principal and principal of St. John Berchmans Elementary School, Detroit; principal of St. Joan of Arc Elementary School, St. Clair Shores; assistant provincial for the Servants of Mary, Omaha; director of sponsorship and institutional advancement for Marian High School, Omaha; and associate superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

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Note: Photos of Sr. Nadolny and Sr. Gehringer, as well as a copy of this news release, are available on the Internet at homepage.mac.com/nedmcgrath and at www.aodonline.org, select *News & Publications*.