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In the Archdiocese of Detroit

RE: 1,285 People to Join Catholic Church on Holy Saturday

The Archdiocese of Detroit will welcome 1,285 new members into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday, April 10, through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). On the national level, more than 150,000 people will join the Catholic Church in the United States.

These men and women (including children of catechetical age) will be baptized and/or received into full communion with the Church through their Confirmation and First Eucharist at Easter Vigil services in Catholic churches on Holy Saturday evening.

According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, people coming into the Church cite many reasons. Some are inspired by other family members, including spouses, who already are Catholic.

Others find the Catholic Church during a spiritual search as they explore faith groups until they feel at home. Others seek to become active in the Church in which they were baptized but had not practiced the faith.

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will preside at the Easter Vigil at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward, Detroit, on Holy Saturday, April 10, at 8 p.m.

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