

## Cardinal Maida Ordains Nine Men to the Priesthood

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, ordained nine men to the Catholic priesthood on Saturday, May 29, in Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. After Mass, the newly ordained greeted family and friends at a reception on the cathedral grounds.

The following men were ordained for ministry in the Archdiocese of Detroit. All of their assignments are effective July 1, 2004.

**Fr. Aaron DePeyster**, 42, whose home parish is St. Therese of Lisieux, Shelby Township. He is the son of Sallie and Norm Godlewski and Gary and Sandy DePeyster. Fr. DePeyster has been appointed associate pastor of St. Patrick Parish, White Lake.

**Fr. Richard Lewnau**, 29, whose home parish is Prince of Peace, West Bloomfield. He is the son of Richard and Carol Lewnau. Fr. Lewnau has been appointed associate pastor of St. Isidore Parish, Macomb.

**Fr. James Lopez**, 33, whose home parish is Divine Child, Dearborn. He is son of Joseph and Gloria Lopez. Fr. Lopez has been appointed associate pastor of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, Waterford.

**Fr. Todd Mistor**, 28, whose home parish is St. Alphonsus, Dearborn. He is the son of Ron and Bernadine Mistor. Fr. Mistor has been appointed associate pastor of St. Lawrence Parish, Utica.

**Fr. Siaoisi Patau**, 36, whose home parish in his native country is the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Apia, Western Samoa. His home parish since moving to the Detroit area is the National Shrine of the Little Flower, Royal Oak. He is the son of Lipa and Natalene Patau. Fr. Patau has been appointed associate pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Plymouth.

**Fr. James Smalarz**, 41, whose home parish is Divine Child, Dearborn. He is the son of Chester and Dolores Smalarz. Fr. Smalarz has been appointed associate pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Farmington.

**Fr. Christopher Talbot**, 38, whose home parish is Christ the King, Detroit. He is the son of Jean-Paul (deceased) and Antoinette Talbot. Fr. Talbot has been appointed associate pastor of St. Joseph, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Michael Parishes, Pontiac.

**Fr. Paul Ward**, 33, whose home parish is Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Grotto), Detroit. He is the son of William and Louise Ward (both deceased). Fr. Ward has been appointed associate pastor of St. Paul Parish, Grosse Pointe Farms.

**Fr. Ronald Richards**, 41, whose home parish is St. Lawrence, Utica. He is the son of Allan (deceased) and Kathy Richards. Fr. Richards has been appointed associate pastor of St. Hugo of the Hills Parish, Bloomfield Hills.

Each of the men except Fr. Richards earned a Master of Divinity degree from Sacred Heart Major Seminary's Graduate School of Theology in Detroit. After earning his Bachelor of Philosophy degree in 2000 from Sacred Heart's College of Liberal Arts, the Archdiocese of Detroit sent Fr. Richards to the Pontifical North American College in Rome. There, he was awarded a Licentiate in Sacred Theology degree this spring.

In June, four other 2004 graduates of Sacred Heart Major Seminary's Graduate School of Theology were ordained as priests for their home dioceses: *Fr. Terrence Bennis*, 55, was ordained at Holy Angels Cathedral, Gary, Indiana; *Fr. Robb Jurkovich*, 27, and *Fr. Corey Litzner*, 27, were ordained at St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette; and *Fr. Tuyen Kim Tran*, 43, was ordained at St. Augustine Cathedral, Kalamazoo.

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