

# Archdiocese of Detroit

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## **On Wednesday, June 9, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Cardinal Szoka to Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination**

Cardinal Edmund Szoka, former Archbishop of Detroit and currently president of the Governatorate of Vatican City State and president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State, will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with a Mass at Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral.

**The Mass will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 9. Cardinal Szoka will be the principal celebrant and homilist.** Over 800 people, including 44 bishops, three cardinals, and some 200 priests and deacons, will attend. Because of space limitations, tickets will be required. For details, call 313-883-8764. A public reception on the cathedral plaza will follow the Mass.

Cardinal Szoka, a native of Grand Rapids, was ordained on June 5, 1954 as a priest for the Diocese of Marquette following studies at St. Joseph Seminary, Grand Rapids; Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit; and St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth. He was installed as Bishop of Gaylord in July of 1971 and named Archbishop of Detroit in March of 1981.

In June of 1988, he was elevated to the College of Cardinals. Cardinal Szoka was appointed president of the Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See in January of 1990. In October of 1997, he was appointed president of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State and, in February of 2001, president of the Governatorate of Vatican City State.

More information concerning Cardinal Edmund Szoka, including numerous links to stories appearing in the June 4, 2004 edition of *The Michigan Catholic*, will be posted on the Archdiocese of Detroit website at [www.AODonline.org](http://www.AODonline.org).

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**\*\*\*Special Note to Media Representatives: You are invited to cover this event. Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is located at 9844 Woodward Avenue, between Grand Boulevard and Davison, in Detroit. The Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) will be videotaping the Mass for later broadcast. There will also be an official Archdiocesan still photographer on duty who will have privileged access to the sanctuary. CTND will be responsible for lighting the church. If you are sending a photographer or camera crew, we ask that you not use flash bulbs or sun guns. We also ask that you heed any directions you may receive from Communications or Blessed Sacrament Cathedral personnel.**

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