

Archdiocese of Detroit

Cardinal Dedicates Papal Statue and Peace Garden

Cardinal Adam Maida dedicated a Pope John Paul II Monument and Peace Garden in a ceremony on October 31 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish in Wyandotte.

Approximately 200 people attended the dedication ceremony, which included a procession, the unveiling of the statue, a prayer service, and the singing of Polish songs. A reception followed in the parish hall.

The 3,000 lb. bronze statue was designed by Fr. Walter Ptak, pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, in conjunction with Polish artist Czeslaw Dzwigaj of the Academy of Fine Arts and the Papal Theological Academy in Krakow, Poland.

“Pope John Paul II has continually and tirelessly worked for peace worldwide,” said Fr. Ptak. “The people of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel firmly believe that the papal monument and Peace Garden represent a beautiful effort to continually preach and pray for the message of peace among the peoples of the world.”

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