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Cardinal Maida to Celebrate Opening Mass at 8 a.m. Catholic Men's Conference slated for UDM's Calihan Hall on February 5th

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will open the 3rd *Annual Catholic Men's Conference: Put Out Into the Deep* with a Mass at 8 a.m. on Saturday, February 5, at the University of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall, 4001 W. McNichols, at the southeast corner of Livernois, in Detroit.

"The Fatherhood of God...the Fatherhood of Man" is the theme of the conference, which runs until 4:30 p.m. and celebrates the gift of God's love in each man's own life and the experience of brotherhood in Christ.

"We have put together a terrific lineup of speakers and expect a large turnout of men from throughout the six counties of the Archdiocese of Detroit," said Paco Gavrilides of the Office for Evangelization, the sponsor of the event.

The lineup of presentations includes:

Father or Adversary?

by Fr. John Riccardo, pastor of St. Anastasia Parish, Troy

From God the Father to the Ordinary Father...How Psychology Supports Fatherhood

by Paul C. Vitz, senior scholar at the Institute for the Psychological Sciences, Washington, D.C.

Where Have all the Fathers Gone? A Crisis of Fatherhood in America

by David Blankenhorn, president of the Institute for American Values, New York

The Face of the Father

by Fr. Francis Martin, Joel E. Smilow Chair for the Study of Catholic - Jewish Relations at the Intercultural Forum for Faith and Culture, Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, Washington, D.C.

Rounding Third and Heading for Home

by Rich Donnelly, third base coach for the Milwaukee Brewers

Walk-in registration at \$45 per person (includes box lunch) will be available at the door. Parking is free. More information about the conference can be found on the web at www.mensfellowship.com.

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*****Members of the media are invited to cover this event. Cardinal Maida will be available to answer questions at 9:15 a.m., immediately following the opening Mass at Calihan Hall. For more information, call Ned McGrath at 313-237-5943 (work) or 313-886-4114 (home).**

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