

Archdiocese of Detroit

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**RE: As a Result of Pistons-Lakers Series
Cardinal Maida to Distribute Goods from
“Friendly Wager” with Cardinal Mahony**

It was back on June 4th that Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, made a “friendly wager” with Cardinal Roger Mahony, archbishop of Los Angeles, over the result of the NBA Finals between the Detroit Pistons and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Cardinal Mahony “wagered” a shipment of silk-screened t-shirts and other goods from *Homeboy Industries* (www.homeboy-industries.org), a unique job training facility for at-risk and gang-impacted youth in Los Angeles County.

Cardinal Maida put up a case of home-raised spring honey and organic produce from *Earth Works Garden* (www.earth-works.org), an urban agricultural project administered by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Coordinated by Brother Rick Samyn, OFM Cap, *Earth Works* is located in the core city and involves the local community in growing organic produce for their own consumption and that of others.

It took awhile, but Cardinal Maida has just received two boxes of goods produced by *Homeboy Industries* from Cardinal Mahony. Included among the items are t-shirts, sweatshirts, denim shirts, note cards, messenger bags, mugs, and CD cases.

Cardinal Maida will distribute the items received from Cardinal Mahony, together with honey and organic produce from the *Earth Works Garden*, to representatives of local organizations ministering to at-risk teens on Friday, July 9, at 12:15 p.m. at St. John Center for Youth and Family (www.aodonline.org/StJohn).

***Note to Media representatives: You are invited to cover this event. St. John’s Center is located at 44011 Five Mile Road, in Plymouth. Cardinal Maida will distribute the items at the front entrance. For more information, call 313.237.5943.**

Among those in attendance will be Brother Rick Samyn of *Earth Works Garden* and representatives from Covenant House Michigan, which provides shelter and counseling to homeless children; and Vista Maria, a residential treatment agency that provides shelter and care to young women and their families.

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