

# Archdiocese of Detroit

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## **“Well done, good and faithful servant” Cardinal Maida on the Death of Pope John Paul II**

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Following the news of the death of Pope John Paul II, Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, issued the following statement:

“Our beloved Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has been called home to God. To his dying breath, he has served God and the Church with unwavering love and his own steadfast faith in Jesus Christ. His tireless energy for the Gospel of Life has touched almost every person on this earth and leaves behind a legacy of hope and a path of solidarity and service for us to follow.

“While it is almost impossible to think of our Church without our beloved shepherd, such is the sad reality of life and death in this world. Even as we mourn this great loss for our Church and our world, our reference point remains our belief in Christ's Resurrection for the dead and the promise of eternal life, the very beliefs which were the anchor and compass of our pope's life and ministry.

“Without question, our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, has been embraced and greeted by the Lord: *‘Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of eternal life!’* Thanks be to God for such a good and holy priest and chief shepherd; may his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed rest in peace.”

**Adam Cardinal Maida  
Archbishop of Detroit  
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**Cardinal Maida celebrates Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday, April 3, the feast of the Divine Mercy, at Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. During the liturgy, prayers will be said for repose of the soul of Pope John Paul II. Cardinal Maida will be available to answer questions following the Mass.**

**Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is located at 9844 Woodward Avenue, between Grand Boulevard and Davison. The Mass is open to the public.**