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Will Answer Questions at Media Briefing Cardinal Maida Celebrates 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will celebrate the golden jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood at a Mass at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 8, at Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Avenue. Attendance at the Mass is by invitation. A reception will follow on cathedral grounds.

The cardinal has agreed to answer questions from the media at a briefing to be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, in the cathedral office building, located behind Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. All media representatives are invited to participate in the briefing.

Five cardinals and over 50 bishops will be among those attending the Mass, as well as representatives of the Protestant, Jewish and Muslim faiths. The cardinals in attendance will include: Edward Egan of New York; Theodore McCarrick of Washington, D.C.; Francis George, O.M.I., of Chicago; Edmund Szoka of Vatican City State; and Sean O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., of Boston.

"...Every single day of the last 50 years of my life, I have given thanks to God for the blessing of my vocation and for sustaining me on the journey of the priesthood," said Cardinal Maida in his column in *The Michigan Catholic*.

Born on March 18, 1930, Adam Maida was the eldest of three sons born to Adam and Sophie Maida in East Vandergrift, Pennsylvania. He attended public schools in East Vandergrift prior to transferring and graduating from St. Mary's Preparatory in Orchard Lake, Michigan, in 1948.

Cardinal Maida holds a B.A. in Philosophy from St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania; a Licentiate in Sacred Theology from St. Mary's University, Baltimore; a Licentiate in Canon Law from the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome; and a Doctorate of Civil Law from Duquesne Law School, Pittsburgh.

On May 26, 1956 Adam Maida was ordained a priest in St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, by then Bishop John Dearden (deceased cardinal-archbishop of Detroit). Following his ordination, he served in a variety of positions in the Diocese of Pittsburgh prior to being installed as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 1984.

On May 7, 1990, Pope John Paul II named Bishop Maida as Archbishop of Detroit. He was installed as Archbishop of Detroit on June 12, 1990 and elevated to the College Cardinals on November 26, 1994. A detailed biography of Cardinal Maida, the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration booklet, and a variety of other materials are available online at www.AODonline.org. For more information, telephone the Office of Public Relations at 313-237-5943.

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***** Special Note to Media Representatives:** You are invited to cover this event. The Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) will be videotaping the ceremony for later broadcast. There will also be an official Archdiocesan still photographer, 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. Please heed any directions you may receive from Communications or Cathedral personnel. **It is recommended that media vans park on Woodward, across the street from the cathedral.**