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Catholic Television Network of Detroit to Broadcast Special Christmas Programs

The Catholic Television Network (CTND), in cooperation with the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), is offering special Christmas programming for the holiday season. CTND is carried by cable systems throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Lapeer, and St. Clair Counties. For channel information, viewers should check www.AODonline.org or the Weekly Program Guide in The Michigan Catholic. Here is a sampling of the programs:

December 24 Mass for Shut-ins with Cardinal Adam Maida

Cardinal Adam Maida will celebrate the liturgy for the Fourth Sunday of Advent on Sunday, December 24, at 5:30 p.m.

December 24-25 Solemn Midnight Mass with Pope Benedict XVI

Solemn Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve with Pope Benedict XVI will be broadcast LIVE from St. Peter's Square at 6 p.m. on Sunday, December 24. The Mass will be repeated on Monday, December 25, at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

December 24 Choral Meditations / Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve

The Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve and the choir from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will be broadcast LIVE on Sunday, December 24, at 10 p.m.

December 25-26 Solemn Mass of Christmas from EWTN

Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word will celebrate Solemn Christmas Mass from the EWTN Chapel in Irondale, Alabama. The Mass will be broadcast LIVE on Monday, December 25, at 1 a.m. and repeated at 12 p.m. and on Tuesday, December 26, at 12 a.m.

December 25-26 Pope Benedict XVI's Christmas Message to the World

LIVE from the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI will deliver his Christmas Message to the World (Urbi Et Orbi) on Monday, December 25, at 6 a.m. It will be repeated at 10 p.m. on Monday, December 25, and at 3 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 26.

December 27 Picturing Mary

A one-hour documentary narrated by actress Jane Seymour that explores how images of the Madonna reflect numerous traditions, devotional practices, and cultures. The program will air on Wednesday, December 27, at 9 p.m. be repeated through early January. Check www.AODonline.org for scheduling information.

December 31 Vespers of Thanksgiving with Pope Benedict XVI

Pope Benedict XVI will preside at the first vespers of thanksgiving at the year's end in St. Peter's Basilica. Vespers service will be broadcast LIVE at 12 p.m. on Sunday, December 31, and repeated at 3:30 p.m.

January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass with Pope Benedict XVI

The Mass of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God with Pope Benedict XVI will be broadcast LIVE from the Vatican on Monday, January 1, at 4 a.m. and repeated at 12 p.m.

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