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Statement of Cardinal Adam Maida regarding the election of Pope Benedict XVI:

The experience of participating in the conclave was deeply spiritual; you could sense the movement of the Holy Spirit among us as we came to a strong consensus in favor of Cardinal Ratzinger, our new Holy Father. He is a brilliant theologian and has experience as a bishop of a large Archdiocese—Munich, Germany. He understands the needs of the Church throughout the world and will be a voice of continuity building on the many themes and teachings of his predecessor, Pope John Paul II. We thank God for the vitality of the Church and are confident that Pope Benedict XVI will continue to teach and inspire us in the ways of the new evangelization.