

Archdiocese of Detroit

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Death of Bishop Kevin Britt

On Sunday, May 16, 2004, the Archdiocese of Detroit learned of the weekend death of Bishop Kevin M. Britt, 59, bishop of Grand Rapids. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

“I extend my condolences to the priests, religious and laity of the Diocese of Grand Rapids and to Bishop Britt’s family. A good shepherd has been called home to God,” said Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit.

“I first met Bishop Britt in Rome, when he served as Cardinal Szoka’s priest secretary,” Cardinal Maida noted. “I came to know his great love for the Church, his commitment to the priesthood, and his evident love of God’s people.

“By God’s blessing, he was named a Detroit Auxiliary in January of 1994 and I came to see his compassionate concern for the people he served,” Cardinal Maida added. “He worked closely with me on a daily basis and was especially attuned to the needs of priests. In Grand Rapids, he was known as a faithful and caring servant.

“Bishop Britt was very personable and self-giving. He had a healthy sense of the needs of the people and the gifts the Church had to offer to them. He was the embodiment of his episcopal (bishop) motto ‘kindness, mercy, love.’ It characterized his personality, as well as his sense of priestly and episcopal ministry,” Cardinal Maida concluded.

Bishop Britt was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit in June of 1970. He served in a variety of positions before being appointed to the Diocese of Grand Rapids in December of 2002. Bishop Britt’s picture and a link to his official biography can be found on the Archdiocese of Detroit website site at www.AODonline.org.

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