

News Advisory

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Press Briefing to be held prior to Prayer Service

**RE: Cardinal Maida to Lead a Holy Hour for Peace
at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak**

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will lead a *Holy Hour for Peace* on **Thursday evening, March 20, at 7:30 p.m.** in the National Shrine of the Little Flower, located at the northeast corner of 12 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak.

Cardinal Maida has asked the parishes of the Archdiocese of Detroit to consider opening their church buildings today, March 20, for quiet prayer and/or a brief service to pray for the military, their families, the victims of the war, our country and our world.

The public is invited to this evening's *Holy Hour for Peace*, which will include a Rosary (Pope John Paul II has declared 2003 to be the Year of the Rosary), scripture, hymns, a homily by Cardinal Maida, and intercessory prayer.

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***Special Note to the Media:** You are invited to cover this event. Cardinal Maida will be available to meet with you prior to the Prayer Service at a **Press Briefing to be held at 7 p.m. inside the church.** We ask that you abide by any instructions you may receive from the staff at the National Shrine of the Little Flower. For more information, call 313-237-5943.