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On the Death of Bishop Kenneth Povish, Retired Bishop of Lansing...

Bishop Kenneth J. Povish, the third bishop of Lansing, died on Friday, September 5, 2003. Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will attend the funeral Mass for Bishop Povish at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 11, in St. Mary Cathedral, 219 Seymour Street, Lansing.

Additional information regarding the funeral arrangements for Bishop Povish may be obtained on the web at DioceseofLansing.org or by calling 517-342-2440.

The following is a statement from Cardinal Maida:

“Through and through, Bishop Povish was a man of great faith who deeply loved the priesthood and the Church. He was a strong leader who knew how to support and affirm, yet also was willing to challenge and face the tough questions.

“I particularly recall visiting with Bishop Povish almost ten years ago as he dealt with his first bout of cancer. I remember being very moved by his humility and patience, accepting God’s will, yet at the same time, being very committed to battling the disease and returning to ministry. He was a real fighter – right to the end. And, he always fought for the right causes – especially the dignity of human life from the first moment of conception.

“The Dioceses of Crookston, Minnesota, and Lansing, Michigan, were greatly blessed to have been led by such a shepherd. Although our state of Michigan will mourn the loss of his wisdom and experience, we will treasure the legacy of his witness of faith. Bishop Povish has lived and died fulfilling his motto, ‘*To Accomplish His Work!*’”

**Cardinal Adam Maida
Archbishop of Detroit
September 8, 2003**

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