

Archdiocese of Detroit

News Advisory

To: News Editors and Assignment Desks

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Police from throughout metro Detroit and Windsor

RE: **Blue Mass to Honor Law Enforcement Officers**

Date: **Tuesday, May 6, 2003**

Time: **10:30 a.m.**

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will be the principal celebrant and homilist at the *Sixth Annual Blue Mass* for law enforcement officers, their families and friends. The Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, in the newly renovated Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, located at 9844 Woodward Avenue, between Grand Boulevard and Davison, in Detroit.

Following the Mass, Cardinal Maida will bless the troops in the outdoor gathering area, located off of Throwbridge adjacent to the cathedral. The Metro Detroit Police Fife and Drums Corps will perform at the blessing and the Mass.

The Blue Mass is open to people of all faiths. Over 500 federal, state and local law enforcement officers, active and retired, and their families and friends from throughout the metropolitan Detroit and Windsor areas, are expected to participate.

Concelebrating the Mass will be Father Patrick Casey, chaplain Detroit Police Department; Father John Costello, chaplain, Windsor Police Department; Monsignor William Easton, chaplain Royal Oak Police Department; Father Steven Koehler, chaplain Madison Heights Police Department; Father Michael Kazar, chaplain, Warren Police Department; Father Raymond Lewandowski, chaplain, Wyandotte Police Department; and Father James Wiegling, chaplain, F.B.I.

Detroit Mounted Police will join mounted divisions from Oakland and Macomb Counties, patrol cars and motorcycles in a procession to the cathedral prior to the Mass. An honor guard will carry the flags from dozens of police departments in a procession to the cathedral altar.

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*****Note to Media Representatives: You are invited to cover this event. We ask that you not interfere with the liturgy and that you abide by any instructions you may receive from the cathedral staff. For more information, call Chaplain John Ball at 734-414-1120.**

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