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Cardinal Maida to Ordain 12 Permanent Deacons

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will ordain 12 men to the permanent diaconate in a ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 4, at Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. The ordination is open to the public.

Permanent Deacons are ordained to a life of service in the ministry of the Church. They are called to bring a special sensitivity in ministering to the needs of the family; to single parents; to students; the aged; the sick; the imprisoned; the chemically dependent; the poor and the alienated. There are currently approximately 150 permanent deacons serving in the Archdiocese of Detroit. A listing of those to be ordained on October 4 follows.

Francis Xavier Chau Doan of Roseville, 51, is a software specialist. He served his internship at St. Athanasius Parish, Roseville. He and his wife, Julie, are members of Our Lady of Grace Parish, Eastpointe.

Robert D. Ervin of Plymouth, 60, is a research engineer. He served his internship at Resurrection Parish, Canton. He and his wife, Barbara, have six children and are members of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Plymouth.

Louis R. Flores Jr. of Wyandotte, 43, is a doctor of chiropractic. He served his internship at All Saints, St. John Cantius, and SS. Andrew & Benedict Parishes, Detroit. He and his wife, Susan, have two sons.

Marc G. Gemellaro of Rochester, 62, is president of G & S Electric Corporation. He served his internship at St. Michael Parish, Sterling Heights. He and his wife, Phyllis, have four children and seven grandchildren and are members of St. Andrew Parish, Rochester.

Eugene T. Kowalski of Auburn Hills, 63, is a branch manager and assistant vice president of Fidelity Bank. He served his internship at St. Mary Parish, Royal Oak. He and his wife, Sharon, have four children and are members of Sacred Heart of the Hills Parish, Auburn Hills.

John Charles McCormick Liddle of Milford, 49, is a plumber. He served his internship at St. Michael Parish, Southfield. He and his wife, Jane, have two children and are members of St. Patrick Parish, White Lake.

Arthur William Majkowski of Warren, 62, is retired. He served his internship at St. Germaine Parish, St. Clair Shores. He and his wife, Delphine, have two sons and are members of St. Edmund Parish, Warren.

Gerard Michael McGowan of Taylor, 61, is retired. He served his internship at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Wyandotte. He and his wife, Amelia, have three sons and are members of St. Alfred Parish, Taylor.

Edwin George McLeod of Warren, 50, is a director of religious education and adult faith formation. He served his internship at St. Gemma/St. Christine Parish, Detroit. He and his wife, Michelle, have a daughter and are members of St. Germaine Parish, St. Clair Shores.

Charles Roger O'Donnel of Dearborn Heights, 68, is retired. He served his internship at Our Lady of Loretto Parish, Redford. He and his wife, Beverly Ann, have four children and are members of Divine Child Parish, Dearborn.

Mark Redwine of Trenton, 40, is a technical director. He served his internship at Our Lady of the Woods Parish, Woodhaven. He and his wife, Nancy, have three children and are members of St. Frances Cabrini Parish, Allen Park.

John Thompson of Detroit, 48, is a database administrator. He served his internship at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish, Grosse Pointe Woods. He and his wife, Susan, have three children and are members of St. Lucy Parish, St. Clair Shores.

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*Note: Pictures of these deacons can be found on the Archdiocese of Detroit website at aodonline.org.

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