

Archdiocese of Detroit

News Advisory

To: News Editors, Assignment Desks, and other Interested Persons
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Date: Friday, February 27, 2004
Time: 2 p.m.
Place: Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Boulevard, Detroit

**RE: Cardinal Maida to hold News Briefing
Clergy Sexual Abuse Reports Released**

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will hold a news briefing at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 27, at Detroit's Sacred Heart Major Seminary, to review material contained in the *John Jay Study* and the *Report on the Causes and Context of the Current Crisis in the Catholic Church*, both commissioned by the [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](#) (USCCB).

The *John Jay Study* contains aggregate statistics for all U.S. dioceses on the allegations of sexual abuse of minors made against priests and deacons in the United States since 1950. The information pertaining to the [Archdiocese of Detroit](#) was released earlier this month by Cardinal Maida.

Participating in the news briefing with Cardinal Maida will be Judge Michael Talbot, chairperson of the Archdiocesan Review Board; Bishop Walter Hurley, Cardinal Maida's delegate to the Archdiocesan Review Board; and Ned McGrath, director of communications for the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The *John Jay Study* will be released by the USCCB at a news conference scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 27, in Washington, D.C. The *Report on the Causes and Context of the Current Crisis in the Catholic Church* will be released at a news conference scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

The [Catholic Television Network of Detroit](#) (CTND) will carry the News Conference on the *John Jay Study* LIVE at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, February 27, and the News Conference on the *Report on the Causes and Context of the Current Crisis in the Catholic Church* LIVE at 11:30 a.m. CTND is carried by cable systems throughout the six-county area of the Archdiocese of Detroit. For channel information, call the archdiocesan Television Office at 313.237.5938.

Note to Media Representatives: You are invited to cover this news briefing. It will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 27, at [Sacred Heart Major Seminary](#), located at 2701 Chicago Boulevard, at the corner of Linwood, in Detroit (enter from the rear, off of Linwood). A Multibox will be available. For more information, call 313.237.5943.

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