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Relics Associated with Christ's Passion to be displayed at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

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DETROIT – Relics venerated for their association with Christ's passion will be on display from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit.

The schedule of events at the cathedral calls for quiet veneration of the relics from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit will celebrate Mass. Quiet veneration will continue following Mass until the Stations of the Cross at 4:30 p.m. Following the Stations, quiet veneration will continue until the Closing Prayer at 7 p.m.

Included in the display will be framed pieces of the cross, the shroud, the crown of thorns, the column where Jesus was scourged, replicas of the nails believed to have been used 2000 years ago to crucify Christ, and various other items associated with Christ's final days.

Detroit is but one stop on a tour organized by the Apostolate for Holy Relics (AHR), a Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization under the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Locally, the tour is being coordinated by Santiago Fernández, Hispanic ministry consultant to the Department of Parish Life & Services of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

“We hope that people will come away from viewing these relics associated with Christ's passion with an increased faith and a tangible, personal connection to Christ's loving sacrifice,” said Andrew Walther, AHR vice president.

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***Note to Media Representatives: You are invited to cover this event. Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is located at 9844 Woodward Ave, between Grand Boulevard and Davison, in Detroit. Santiago Fernández, event coordinator, will be on hand to answer your questions as will Andrew Walther, vice president of the Apostolate for Holy Relics. For additional information, call Santiago Fernández at 248-425-2045 or Andrew Walther at 818-522-2005 or 213-210-5472.**

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