

Archdiocese of Detroit

News Advisory

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Dispatch from Vatican City

Archdiocesan Events Related to Newly Elected Pope

From Rome, Cardinal Adam Maida writes to the priests and people of the Detroit archdiocese this weekend. The letter, to be shared with churchgoers at weekend Masses, says in part:

“As we gather around the Lord’s altar this weekend, our hearts are joined with the Church Universal in giving thanks to God for the blessing of a new Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. I write to you from Vatican City, where this very weekend, our Holy Father will be officially installed as the Bishop of Rome, successor of St. Peter and Vicar of Christ. Even as we Cardinals offer him our pledge of obedience and solidarity, I trust that each of you will also renew your bond of love and respect for the person and office of the Holy Father.

“Our new pope brings to the papacy enormous gifts and a great breadth of experience. I know that you join me in thanking God, the Holy Spirit, for the way He continues to be present and active in our Church and our world in so many ways, especially in the gift of our new Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.”

Also at weekend Masses, distribution will begin of locally designed prayer cards for Pope Benedict XVI. They have been printed in English, Spanish, and Polish.

The prayer cards, along with information about special liturgies— including a German language Mass on Sunday— are available on the archdiocesan web site

www.aodonline.org.

Sunday’s papal inauguration will be cablecast live on the The Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND). For times and channel listings, see www.CTND.tv.