

# Archdiocese of Detroit

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## Two Others Elevated in Rank

### 13 Priests Named Monsignors by the Holy Father

Cardinal Adam Maida has announced that Pope Benedict XVI has conferred the title of “Monsignor” upon 13 Detroit area priests and elevated two other monsignors in rank. The ceremony conferring these papal honors will be at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, at The Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. A reception will follow in the cathedral gymnasium.

The honorary title of “Monsignor” is given to Roman Catholic priests as a sign of appreciation and recognition of the service they have rendered, both locally and in the world. There are three ranks. The priests who have been named monsignors at the level of *Chaplain to His Holiness* are:

**Msgr. George Browne**, 75, archbishop’s liaison to senior priests, and former pastor of St. Angela, Roseville;

**Msgr. John Budde**, 54, pastor of Holy Family, Novi, and former ecumenical and interfaith advisor for the Archdiocese of Detroit;

**Msgr. G. Michael Bugarin**, 41, pastor of St. Joan of Arc, St. Clair Shores, former director of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, Washington, D.C., and former priest-secretary to Cardinal Maida;

**Msgr. Patrick Halfpenny**, 58, pastor of St. Paul on the Lake, Grosse Pointe Farms, and ecumenical and interfaith advisor for the Detroit archdiocese;

**Msgr. Donald Hanchon**, 57, pastor of Holy Redeemer, Detroit, and priest-coordinator of Hispanic Catholic Ministries for the Detroit archdiocese;

**Msgr. John Kasza**, 41, priest-secretary to Cardinal Maida, vice chancellor of the Detroit archdiocese, weekend assistant at St. Aidan, Livonia, and faculty member at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit;

**Msgr. Charles Kosanke**, 45, rector/president of SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Orchard Lake, and former pastor of Guardian Angels, Clawson;

**Msgr. Peter Lentine**, 86, pastor of St. Philomena, Detroit;

**Msgr. Robert McClory**, 41, chancellor of the Detroit archdiocese, weekend assistant at St. Blase, Sterling Heights, and faculty member at Sacred Heart Major Seminary;

**Msgr. George Miller**, 55, judicial vicar of the Detroit archdiocese, weekend assistant at St. Anselm, Dearborn Heights, and St. Linus, Dearborn Heights;

**Msgr. Jeffrey Monforton**, 42, pastor of St. Therese of Lisieux, Shelby Township, faculty member at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and former priest-secretary to Cardinal Maida;

**Msgr. Thomas Rice**, 55, pastor of St. Louise, Warren, associate publisher and editor-in-chief of *The Michigan Catholic*;

**Msgr. Walter Ziemba**, 78, senior priest, and rector/president emeritus of Orchard Lake Schools.

The monsignors who have been elevated in rank are:

**Msgr. Michael LeFevre**, 48, rector of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, pastor of the Church of the Madonna, Detroit; pastor of St. Gregory, Detroit; and director of the Office for Clergy Life and Ministry for the Detroit archdiocese. Elevated from *Chaplain to His Holiness* to *Prelate of Honor*.

**Msgr. James Moloney**, 75, pastor of St. Anselm, Dearborn Heights, and director of the Propagation of the Faith for the Detroit archdiocese. Elevated from *Prelate of Honor* to the highest level, *Protonotary Apostolic*.

“I am delighted that 15 priests of our archdiocese are being given special recognition from our Holy Father,” said Cardinal Maida. “The title of ‘Monsignor’ has a long and distinguished history in the Church; it is a means for the local bishop to acknowledge and thank priests who have given service over and above the usual expectation.

“In recognizing these 15 priests, I want to emphasize that our presbyterate has countless dedicated clergy; even though they are not being given a special honor, none the less, we are all grateful for their service,” Cardinal Maida continued. “As St. Paul reminds us, when any one member of the body is honored, the whole body rejoices. I see this announcement of the 15 monsignors as a tribute not to them, but to our whole presbyterate.”

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