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Saturday, May 22, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Archbishop Vigneron to Ordain Seven Men, Six for Detroit

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron will ordain seven men to the Catholic priesthood, six of them for the Archdiocese of Detroit, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 22, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Avenue in Detroit. The public is invited to attend. Those being ordained for Detroit are Deacons James Arwady, Adalberto Espinoza, Craig Giera, John Dumas, Bernardo Cruz Ramirez and Michael Zuelch. Deacon Benedict Ehinack is being ordained for the Archdiocese of Douala in Cameroon. Following the ceremony, the newly ordained will greet family and friends at a reception on the cathedral grounds.

James Arwady, 37, of Sterling Heights is the son of Lester and Judy Arwady. His home parish is SS. Cyril and Methodius, Sterling Heights. He grew up attending the parishes of Our Lady of Victory, Northville; St. Thomas More, Troy; and Sacred Heart, Auburn Hills.

Bernardo Cruz Ramirez, 41, of Guadalajara, Mexico is the son of Jose Guadalupe Cruz and Maria de Jesus Ramirez. His home parish is St. Gabriel in Detroit.

Benedict Ehinack, 27, of Douala, Cameroon, who graduated from Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, will be ordained for his home diocese, the Archdiocese of Douala. He is the son of Joseph and Marie-Salome Behina in Cameroon and grew up attending St. Antony of Padua Parish in Kumba-Mbeng and St. Joseph Parish in Bonaberi.

Adalberto Espinoza, 42, of Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, is the son of Stephen and Maria Elva Espinoza. His home parish is Our Lady of Guadalupe in Nuevo Laredo.

Craig Giera, 32, of Sterling Heights is the son of Dave and Sylvia Ann Giera. His home parish is SS. Cyril and Methodius, Sterling Heights. He grew up attending St. Rene Goupil Parish in Sterling Heights.

John Dumas, 48, of Oxford is the son of the late Joseph Dumas and the late Dorothea Dumas. His home parish is Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Grotto) in Detroit. He grew up attending St. Joseph Parish in Lake Orion.

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Michael Zuelch, 39, of Grosse Pointe Farms, is the son of Michael and JoAnn Zuelch. His home parish is St. Edward on the Lake in Lakeport. He grew up attending St. Paul Parish in Grosse Pointe Farms.

Nine other graduates of Sacred Heart Major Seminary also will be ordained this year. Eight who will be ordained in their own home dioceses are Javier Hoyos-Huaman of Cajamarca, Peru; Ted Mauch of Gary, Ind.; Sean Palas of Belleville, Ill.; Anthony Strouse of Lansing; Mathias Thelen of Lansing; Pieter VanRooyen of Lansing; Andrew Vogel of Winona, Minn.; and Thomas Wasilewski of Lansing. Additionally, graduate Anthony Kathawa will be ordained in Southfield for the Chaldean Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Information from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Priesthood Ordination Class in the U.S. in 2010 can be found at www.usccb.org/vocations/classof2010.

*****Special Note to Media Representatives:** You are invited to cover this event. The Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) will be videotaping the ceremony for later broadcast. There will also be an official Archdiocesan still photographer, who will have privileged access to the sanctuary. CTND will be responsible for lighting the church. If you are sending a photographer or camera crew, we ask that you not use flash. Please heed any directions you may receive from Communications or Cathedral personnel.

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