

# Archdiocese of Detroit

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## **Cardinal Maida to Host Celebration in Honor of Pope John Paul II's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will host a series of events at Detroit's Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, September 28, in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the pontificate of Pope John Paul II.

"The Church throughout the world is joyfully and gratefully celebrating 25 years of service by Pope John Paul II. It is only fitting that we have a special gathering in his honor, here in Detroit, to mark this occasion," said Cardinal Maida.

"We have been blessed many times over by our Holy Father's personal, loving concern for our Church. He has given us many bishops and we have fond memories of his pastoral visit to Detroit in September of 1987," the cardinal added.

The celebration is free and open to the public. Blessed Sacrament Cathedral is located at 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, between Grand Boulevard and Davison. For more information, call 313-237-5943.

The day will begin with Mass with Cardinal Maida at 10 a.m. This will be followed by an interlude with light refreshments.

At 12:30 p.m., George Weigel, noted Roman Catholic theologian, commentator and author, will speak on *Pope John Paul II: Reviewing the Pontificate through the Lens of Solidarity*. Cardinal Maida will then introduce a question and answer session. This will be followed by an interlude with light refreshments

At 3 p.m., there will be a *Concert for Solidarity* under the direction of Norah Duncan I. Featured will be music from places around the world touched by the many pastoral visitations of Pope John Paul II.

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