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Former Secretary to Pope John Paul II

Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz Coming to Orchard Lake on Pastoral Visit

The late Pope John Paul II's private secretary, Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz (*pronounced St-Niece-Waf | Gee-Vish*), now the Archbishop of Kraków, will be at The Orchard Lake Schools (SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, St. Mary's Preparatory, and the Orchard Lake Polish Cultural Center) on Thursday, June 26, as part of his pastoral visit to the U.S.

Cardinal Dziwisz is coming to southeast Michigan at the invitation of Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit. While on the Orchard Lake Schools campus, he will bless a bronze statue of Pope John Paul II, rededicate the Lourdes Grotto, celebrate Mass in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake, and be the guest of honor at a by-invitation-only banquet.

The public is invited to attend the blessing of the statue and the rededication of the Lourdes Grotto at 5:30 p.m., as well as the 6 p.m. Mass on June 26. The bronze statue stands more than 6 feet tall and weighs just under 800 pounds. The artist/sculptor is Władysław Dudek of Poland. The bronze casting is by Leszek Węglarz of Węgrzce, near Kraków.

The statue is being installed at the Lourdes Grotto. Originally dedicated in May of 1942, the grotto has been restored and a waterfall added in the area surrounding the statue. The project has been possible primarily due to funds provided through the generosity of the Frank Padzieski Family. The Marvin Ciemiak Estate also made a significant contribution.

"We are honored to be a part of Cardinal Dziwisz's visit to the faithful of the Archdiocese of Detroit," said Msgr. Charles G. Kosanke, rector of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary. "We are grateful for his support of SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary at Orchard Lake and our adjunct seminary, now open in the Archdiocese of Kraków."

This will be Cardinal Dziwisz's fourth visit to the Archdiocese of Detroit. He was in Detroit in 1969 and 1976 with Cardinal Karol Wojtyła of Kraków. Later, after Cardinal Wojtyła became Pope John Paul II, he traveled to Detroit in 1987 with the Holy Father.

On this visit, Cardinal Dziwisz comes to Orchard Lake from Washington, D.C., where he will meet with Cardinal Maida at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center. From Detroit, he will visit the Archdiocese of Chicago, before returning home to Poland.

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*****Note to Media: You are invited to cover Cardinal Dziwisz's visit to the Orchard Lake Schools. A biography and picture of Cardinal Dziwisz can be found on the SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary website at www.sscms.edu and on the Archdiocese of Detroit website at www.AODonline.org. Cardinal Dziwisz will hold a short press conference for members of the media following the Mass. Contact Fr. Mirosław Król at 248-683-0316 for details.**