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St. Patrick's Day Mass at Most Holy Trinity Church

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will be the principal celebrant at the annual St. Patrick's Day Mass at 12 noon on Saturday, March 17, at Most Holy Trinity Church, located at Porter and Sixth Streets, in Detroit's Corktown neighborhood. "Seek What Unites" will be the theme of the Mass. Fr. Thomas Sutherland, a senior priest in the Archdiocese of Detroit, will be the homilist.

Traditionally, people of Irish descent, as well as many civic, business, and political leaders, gather on St. Patrick's Day at Most Holy Trinity for this Mass, known as the "Sharin' O' the Green." The "green" refers to the paper money put into the collection basket in support of parish outreach to the poor through medical clinics and other neighborhood programs.

Serving as chairpersons of the event are Patrick Devlin, secretary/treasurer of the Michigan Building Trades Council, and his wife, Marsha. The co-chairs are Patrick Lynch and his wife, Mary Callaghan Lynch.

Each year, outstanding "Samaritans of the Year" are recognized. This year's honorees are Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, attorney Lawrence Johnson, and Wayne State University professor Dr. Marianna Manion.

A "Sharin' O' the Green" Chairmen's Reception honoring the "Samaritans of the Year" will be held immediately following Mass at the Electrical Workers' Union Hall, located one block west of the church at 1358 Porter. This reception is a fund-raiser for Most Holy Trinity School. Tickets are \$30 per person and include food, drink and entertainment. The tickets may be purchased at the door.

One hundred and seventy-three year-old Most Holy Trinity Church was the first English-speaking parish built in Detroit and originally served Detroit's Irish community. Today, the parish serves a multicultural community that includes Irish, Mexican, Maltese and Puerto Ricans.

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****Note to Media: A space in the church has been reserved for the media and film crews—it is to the right of the altar. Fr. Sutherland's homily will be delivered at or around 12:30 p.m. Media may enter by the side door, between the rectory and the church, or by the front door. For more information, contact Suzanne Rabideau at 313-371-6992.**