

Archdiocese of Detroit

News Advisory

To: News Editors, Assignment Desks and Other Interested Persons

Dates: Friday, July 30 – Sunday, August 1, 2004

**RE: Cardinal Maida a Delegate to Poland
 for 60th Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising**

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, has been named by President George W. Bush to the Presidential Delegation that will travel to Warsaw, Poland, to attend events in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising. Colin Powell, U.S. Secretary of State, will lead the delegation.

Other members of the Presidential Delegation are: the U.S. Ambassador to Poland Victor Ashe, former Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward Derwinski, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, Ronald Lauder, chairman of Clinique Laboratories Inc., and Chester Partyka, former president of the Polish-American Congress of Ohio.

The Warsaw Uprising was the armed struggle by the Armia Krajowa (Home Army) resistance against the Nazi occupiers of Warsaw during World War II. It started August 1, 1944 and lasted until October 2. When it ended, over 200,000 Poles were dead and 85 percent of the city was destroyed.

In honor of the 60th anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, a wide variety of events are planned from July 30 through August 1, 2004, including: Masses, wreath laying, concerts, and official government ceremonies. For additional information, check the Archdiocese of Detroit web site at www.aodonline.org.

“As an American raised by Polish Catholic parents during World War II, I consider it a great privilege and honor to be among those on hand to commemorate the remarkable courage and solidarity of the Polish nation,” said Cardinal Maida.

“We have certainly learned well from the example of our Holy Father—from those times and later as pope—that no matter how diabolical the adversity, the struggle for human dignity can ultimately succeed through faith and will. I am grateful to President Bush for selecting me, as a spiritual leader, to serve in the American delegation,” Cardinal Maida added.

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