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News Advisory

To: News Editors, Assignment Desks and Other Interested Persons

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An Evening at Most Holy Trinity Church

RE: Remembering John Cardinal Dearden

The late John Cardinal Dearden served as Archbishop of Detroit from 1958 to 1980. He is recognized as one of the most significant leaders of the universal Church and his contributions helped to shape the Second Vatican Council.

***We Remember Him: John Cardinal Dearden* will be held Sunday, November 30, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Most Holy Trinity Church, 1050 Porter at Sixth Street, in Detroit's Corktown. A reception will follow. The public is invited. Registration is \$10 per person before November 15 and \$15 thereafter by phone (313-965-5567) or at the door.**

Sharing their memories and insights will be a panel of Cardinal Dearden's friends and colleagues: Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, Jane Wolford Hughes, Bishop Joe Imesch and Bishop Ken Untener. Time will also be provided for participant interaction.

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton is the founding president of Pax Christi-USA and pastor of St. Leo Parish, Detroit. He remembers Cardinal Dearden as a person of "integrity, courage and faith who was joyful and pastoral."

Jane Wolford Hughes is an adult education consultant and author who was director of the Institute for Continuing Education of the Archdiocese of Detroit. She remembers Cardinal Dearden as someone who "dared to aim for an enlightened 'People of God' and the eventual change in the way the Church would be governed."

Bishop Joe Imesch is a former secretary to Cardinal Dearden who is now the Bishop of Joliet, Illinois. He recalls that Cardinal Dearden's Church was "never hierarchical, but rather collaborative and participatory."

Bishop Ken Untener is a former president of St. John Provincial Seminary, Plymouth, who is now the Bishop of Saginaw. He remembers Cardinal Dearden's "depth of spirituality, intelligence and love of Church."

The purpose of the evening is to provide a forum for paying tribute to and an opportunity to be inspired by the life and leadership of John Cardinal Dearden.

The Holy Trinity Oratory and the Father Clem Kern Foundation are hosting this event. The Holy Trinity Oratory, 1234 Porter, is located in the former convent of Most Holy Trinity Parish. It is open 24-hours a day for prayer and adoration and is home to the Cardinal Dearden Peace Center. The Father Clem Kern Foundation is named in honor of the late pastor of Most Holy Trinity Parish. He was known as the conscience of Detroit.

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*****Note to Media Representatives: You are invited to cover this evening of remembrance. For more information, call Father Ed Farrell at 313-883-8564.**