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Cardinal Maida to Ordain 8 Permanent Deacons

Cardinal Adam Maida, archbishop of Detroit, will ordain 8 men to the permanent diaconate in a ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. The ordination is open to the public.

Permanent Deacons are ordained to a life of service in the ministry of the Church. They are called to bring a special sensitivity in ministering to the needs of the family; to single parents; to students; the aged; the sick; the imprisoned; the chemically dependent; the poor and the alienated. There are currently approximately 160 permanent deacons serving in the Archdiocese of Detroit. A listing of those to be ordained on October 2 follows.

Kevin M. Breen of Livonia, 45, is a Pastoral Associate at St. Genevieve Parish, Livonia. He served his internship at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Wyandotte. He and his wife, Sheila, have three children and are members of St. Genevieve Parish, Livonia.

Frederick F. Burrell of Westland, 61, is a supplier development engineer at Visteon Corporation. He served his internship at St. Edith Parish, Livonia. He and his wife, Mary Lou, have two children and are members of St. Raphael the Archangel Parish, Garden City.

Stephen L. Bussa of Dearborn, 66, is a retired engineer manager. He served his internship at St. Aidan Parish, Livonia. He and his wife, Carole Marie, have four children and are members of Sacred Heart Parish, Dearborn.

Henry J. Kibit Jr. of Dearborn, 54, is a project manager for TEK Systems. He served his internship at St. Albert the Great Parish, Dearborn Heights. He and his wife, Janice, have three children and are members of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Wyandotte.

Paul T. Lippard of Warren, 49, is a Pastoral Minister at St. Gertrude Parish, St. Clair Shores. He served his internship at Our Lady of La Salette Parish, Berkley. He and his wife, Patricia, have two children and are members of St. Gertrude Parish, St. Clair Shores.

Lawrence Lee Ruehlen of St. Clair Shores, 60, is a clinical nurse educator at William Beaumont Hospitals, Inc. He served his internship at St. Issac Jogues Parish, St. Clair Shores. He and his wife, Roseanne, have two children and are members of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish, St. Clair Shores.

Vincent R. Small of Farmington Hills, 59, works in finance. He served his internship at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, Plymouth. He and his wife, Joanne, have three children and are members of St. Alexander Parish, Farmington Hills.

Kenneth R. Weiss of Macomb Township, 58, is a chaplain at St. John Macomb Hospital, Warren. He served his internship at St. Isidore Parish, Macomb Township. He and his wife, Rosemary, have one child and are members of St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish, Sterling Heights.

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*Note: Pictures of these deacons can be found on the Archdiocese of Detroit website at aodonline.org.

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