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## **On January 28 at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Archbishop Vigneron to be Installed as Archbishop of Detroit**

Allen H. Vigneron (*pronounced Vin-Yur-On*) will be formally installed as the 5<sup>th</sup> archbishop (and 10<sup>th</sup> bishop) of Detroit at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28, in a ceremony at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward, Detroit.

The installation service will begin with a procession of deacons, priests and bishops leading Archbishop Vigneron to the altar. This will be followed by the introduction of the Mass and a reading of the Apostolic Letter of Appointment from Pope Benedict XVI.

Cardinal Maida, the installing prelate, will then lead Archbishop Vigneron to the bishop's chair (cathedra) and present him with a shepherd's staff (crosier), officially transferring spiritual leadership of Detroit's 1.4 million Catholics to his successor.

A full church is expected and reserved seating for the Mass is no longer available. A public reception will follow at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 Chicago Blvd., Detroit. Shuttle service will be provided between the cathedral and the seminary.

The Mass will be carried live on CTND/EWTN and web-streamed live on [www.AODonline.org](http://www.AODonline.org). It will also be carried by Catholic radio stations WCAR (1090 AM) and WDEO (990 AM).

Archbishop Vigneron, 60, served as an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit prior to being named Bishop of Oakland, California, in 2003. The Vatican announced his appointment as archbishop of Detroit on January 5, 2009. Complete biographical information, including pictures and related materials, can be found on the archdiocesan Web site at [www.AODonline.org](http://www.AODonline.org).

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### **Press Conference**

Archbishop Allen Vigneron will hold a **Press Conference at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 28, in the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Office Building, 9844 Woodward, Detroit** (located behind the cathedral, enter from the parking lot off of Trowbridge.) He will not be available to meet with the media following the installation Mass.

### **Media Coverage of Installation Mass**

Media Representatives are invited to cover the installation Mass. There will be an official Archdiocesan still photographer, who will have privileged access to the sanctuary. CTND will be responsible for lighting the cathedral. A Mult-Box will be available. If you are sending a journalist, photographer or camera crew, we respectfully ask that they dress appropriately for church attendance. We also ask that they not use flash bulbs or sun guns. Please heed any directions you may receive from Communications or Cathedral personnel.