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## **Encyclical offers ‘sign posts’ on building society Archbishop Vigneron on Pope Benedict XVI’s *Caritas in Veritate***

“The publication of Pope Benedict XVI’s encyclical *Caritas in Veritate* (‘Charity in Truth’) is a welcome blessing for Catholics, as well as for all our neighbors, here in southeast Michigan. At this moment in our history, we are living through profound changes in the social and economic fabric of our community. These changes are so significant that we are often led to compare them to a tsunami. In this context, all of us citizens, and especially our leaders, need to make wise and far-sighted decisions in order to lay the foundation for the better future we want to hand on to succeeding generations.

“The Holy Father’s new encyclical, as the latest application of the church’s social teaching, offers an important resource for us in the great project we are engaged in. In particular, it will give us guidance, ‘sign posts’ as it were, about how to build a society that is grounded on the foundational truths about the human person, wisdom for a future that advances the true dignity and real progress of every individual. I invite all believers and all persons of good will to join me in giving Pope Benedict’s message a thoughtful hearing, after which we can go on to work together to apply to our world the solid principles he articulates in *Caritas in Veritate*.”

**Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron**  
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*Note: For the full text of the papal encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, visit the Archdiocese of Detroit Web site, [www.AODonline.org](http://www.AODonline.org), or the Vatican Web site, [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).*

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