

Archdiocese of Detroit

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At the National Shrine of the Little Flower on December 1 **Candlelight Vigil Service to Mark World AIDS Day**

The Archdiocese of Detroit will mark World AIDS Day with a candlelight vigil service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. Detroit Auxiliary Bishop John Quinn will preside.

Turning Remembrance Into Action is the theme of the service, which will include a homily, prayers, petitions, readings and psalms. There will also be a reading of over 300 names of persons affected by HIV/AIDS, both living and deceased.

Parish communities were invited to submit the names of individuals to be prayed for, as they join the archdiocesan community in remembrance of those who have died, as well as those touched by HIV/AIDS.

“Our celebration of World AIDS Day is a Christian response to a disease that has ravished our nation and our world,” said Brother Paul Yasenak, CSsR, of the Office for Catholic Social Action of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

“The Gospel tells us that Jesus cured the sick and gave comfort to those in mourning. As members of the mystical Body of Christ, we have been charged to do the same.”

People with HIV/AIDS, their caregivers, loved ones and all who are touched by HIV/AIDS are invited to participate in the candlelight vigil service. The National Shrine of the Little Flower is located at the northeast corner of 12 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. For more information, call the parish office at 248-541-4122 or Brother Paul at 313-237-5978.

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