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Cardinal Adam Maida:

Highlights of Service to the Archdiocese of Detroit

- May 7, 1990** Most Rev. Adam Joseph Maida is **named Archbishop of Detroit** by His Holiness John Paul II. Archbishop Maida is installed in Detroit on June 12, 1990.
- August 1990** Archbishop Maida **reorganizes the Archdiocesan Curia**, reducing the staff and streamlining leadership into five major departments.
- October 1990** As a guest speaker at the Detroit Economic Club, Archbishop Maida **describes his vision of an interdenominational educational program. A coalition of Roman Catholic, Baptist, Episcopalian and Lutheran leaders develop the Cornerstone Schools**, which open in August 1991 with three Detroit campuses.
- October 1991** Archbishop Maida and Bishop J. Philip Wahl of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Southeast Michigan Synod, **sign an historic Roman Catholic-Lutheran Covenant**, citing areas of common belief and pledging to work toward greater unity.
- January 1992** Archbishop Maida **endorses an Hispanic Pastoral Plan** and **offers Archdiocesan support to pastoral efforts in Hispanic communities.**
- February 1992** **In a Pastoral Letter** to the people of the Archdiocese of Detroit, entitled *The Lord and Giver of Life*, Archbishop Maida **addresses the issue of assisted suicide and explains the Church's teaching on caring for the terminally ill.**
- April 1992** Archbishop Maida **writes another Pastoral Letter**, called *Dying, You Destroyed Our Death* **on the subjects of death and human suffering.**
- May 1992** In his role as spiritual leader and teacher, Archbishop Maida **publishes an open letter on the "terrible festering wound of racism"** in a full-page ad in Detroit's two daily newspapers calling for a personal conversion and renewal.
- Summer 1992** Archbishop Maida **reorganizes the Archdiocese's Presbyteral Council** to open better lines of communication with his brother priests.
- October 1992** **In a Pastoral Letter on Youth Ministry**, Archbishop Maida **issues A Call to Pilgrimage** to the youth and young adults of the Archdiocese of Detroit and **challenges them to join with him to meet the Pope in Denver, Colorado** in August 1993, during the International World Youth Day celebration.

- November 1992** Archbishop Maida **agrees to participate in** a monthly “meet the press” type **cable television program called *Dialogue***. The Archbishop fields questions from Detroit-area reporters/journalists during this open-forum, half-hour show airing on the Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND).
- December 1992** **A mission statement is adopted by the Religious Leaders Forum**, an ecumenical-interfaith group, founded by Archbishop Maida, Rabbi Irwin Groner and Episcopal Bishop R. Stewart Wood. The forum provides Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders the opportunity to dialogue on shared concerns.
- February 1993** **In partnership with the Jesuits, Archbishop Maida announces the establishment of Loyola Academy in Detroit**, a Catholic high school for at-risk boys in the urban community.
- August 1993** **Two thousand youth and young adults from the Archdiocese of Detroit join Archbishop Maida on a pilgrimage to Denver for World Youth Day 1993** activities and celebrations.
- September 1993** Archbishop Maida **testifies before the Michigan Commission on Death and Dying in support of the state’s ban on assisted suicide**.
- October 1993** In honor of October’s designation as Respect Life Month, Archbishop Maida **issues a Pastoral Letter on ...*Living and Ministering with Persons with Disabilities***.
- November 1993** On behalf of the Michigan Catholic Conference, Archbishop Maida **publishes a *Statement on Euthanasia*** in a full-page ad Detroit’s two major daily papers warning of the consequences of legalizing assisted suicide.
- January 1994** Archbishop Maida **dedicates Saint Al’s Community Center**. Located directly across from his office in the Chancery on Washington Boulevard, the center will provide direct services to the poor, the elderly and the needy in downtown Detroit.
- January 1994** Archbishop Maida **ordains Revs. Kevin Britt and Bernard Harrington as auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Detroit**.
- February 1994** Archbishop Maida **announces the establishment of an Endowment Foundation for the Archdiocese of Detroit**. *Stewards for Tomorrow* - one of the largest endowment campaigns of its type in the United States - will raise \$100 million to fund Catholic education, care for retired priests, provide for social service programs, and assist individual parish needs.
- In conjunction with *Stewards for Tomorrow*, Archbishop Maida also **announces a \$1 million Tuition Assistance Program for Catholic parents with demonstrated financial need who want to send their children to Catholic schools in the six counties of the Archdiocese of Detroit**.
- March 1994** At an annual St. Patrick’s Day Mass, Archbishop Maida **announces that the archdiocese’s former Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan, will become the St. John Center for Youth and Family**. Opening in the spring of 1995, St. John

Center will provide a facility for retreats and conferences for the Archdiocese's youth, couples, families and support groups.

- April 1994** Citing a need for a strong and unified pastoral response to the issue of assisted suicide, Archbishop Maida **announces the "Live for Life" campaign**. The seven-month long multi-media educational program is aimed at Catholics of all ages and focuses on the complex issues surrounding the defense of life. The effort culminates with an Archdiocesan-wide Mass of Anointing in October 1994.
- August 1994** The **text of a letter on health care reform** sent by Archbishop Maida to Michigan's U.S. Senators and Congressional Representatives **is published** in a full-page ad in the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press. In the letter, the Archbishop **urges members of Congress to vote "Yes" to affordable health care for all and "No" to abortion as a mandated health care benefit**.
- November 1994** 500 people travel to Rome along with Archbishop Maida as he is **elevated to the College of Cardinals by His Holiness Pope John Paul II at a Vatican Consistory**
- December 1994** In an address to religious, civic and business leaders, Cardinal Maida **shares his vision of developing an ecumenical-civic-volunteer program** that will encourage participants to share resources, knowledge, and individual gifts and talents to those in need.
- February 1995** Cardinal Maida **announces the "Stewards for Tomorrow" campaign exceeds its \$100 million goal**. Eighty percent is earmarked for the Endowment Foundation to help fund Catholic education, social service programs and retired priests. The remaining twenty percent is returned to the parishes to address individual needs.
- March 1995** In a statement calling for principled welfare reform, Cardinal Maida **urges state and national policy makers to advance - and not abandon - the government's necessary role in helping families and children overcome poverty**. The Cardinal **calls on Catholics to let their voices and values be heard** as the welfare reform debate takes center-stage.
- September 1995** **Partners in Service**, an interfaith volunteer effort proposed by Cardinal Maida in December 1994, **is officially introduced** to the metropolitan Detroit community.
- October 1995** With the support and encouragement of Cardinal Maida, **Pathways of Hope is established** by Detroit-area businessmen to provide financial assistance specifically to needy children of all faiths and nationalities who wish to attend Catholic Schools in the city of Detroit.
- December 1995** Cardinal Maida, **along with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, announces a \$10 million fundraising campaign to rebuild and improve the Society's Central Depot**, which was destroyed by fire on December 15.
- December 1995** **Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, U.S. Senator Carl Levin and Cardinal Maida issue a call for reconciliation in the six-month-old Detroit newspaper strike**, encouraging all parties to negotiate their differences and settle the strike.

- July 1996** Responding to “respect for life” issues, Cardinal Maida **announces Project Life, a hotline offering help to those contemplating assisted suicide or abortion.**
- Cardinal Maida **ordains Bishop John Neinstedt and Allen Vigneron as auxiliary bishops** for the Archdiocese of Detroit.
- August 1996** Cardinal Maida **serves at Papal Legate** (the pope’s personal representative) **to the 19th Annual International Marian Congress in Czestochowa, Poland.**
- September 1996** Cardinal Maida officially **introduces JUBILEE 2000, a five-year faith enrichment and parish renewal program to prepare Catholics for the Third Millennium.**
- February 1997** Cardinal Maida **helps establish a fundraising campaign to assure the continued presence and operation of the only all-girls Catholic school, Dominican High School and Academy, in the city of Detroit.**
- July 1997** As president of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Foundation-USA, Cardinal Maida **announces plans to construct a major interactive facility in Washington, DC** for the popular and scholarly study of the Catholic faith and culture, and the impact of papal teachings on current American issues. **It will be known as the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center.**
- September 1997** **All Saints**, the archdiocese’s first new Catholic elementary school in 30 years, **opens its doors in the Plymouth-Canton area.**
- Cardinal Maida **hosts ground breaking for the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C.**
- November 1997** Cardinal Maida **participates in the Special Assembly for America of the Synod of Bishops**, held at the Vatican from November 16 to December 12, 1997.
- January 1998** Cardinal Maida **concelebrates Mass with the Holy Father in Havana, Cuba.**
- April 1998** Cardinal Maida **visits with pastoral staff and parishioners at archdiocesan mission in Recife, Brazil.**
- May 1998** In an unprecedented step, **members of the Religious Leaders Forum, including Cardinal Maida, sign an interfaith letter against physician-assisted suicide.**
- August 1998** Cardinal Maida **attends World Youth Day in Paris, France**, with a Michigan delegation of more than 800 people.
- October 1998** Cardinal Maida **kicks off a local and statewide campaign to defeat Proposal B**, the ballot initiative to legalize physician-assisted suicide in Michigan. In an effort to reinforce the ecumenical message against Proposal B, Cardinal Maida **becomes the first Detroit archbishop to speak from the Sunday pulpits at two Baptist churches in Detroit.**

- November 1998** An intensive four-week media and grassroots campaign supported by local and state coalitions succeeds, as **Proposal B is defeated at the polls** by a 3-1 margin in Michigan.
- January 1999** Cardinal Maida **celebrates Mass at Shrine of the Little Flower Parish in Royal Oak in honor of its designation as a national shrine.**
- March 1999** Cardinal Maida **announces Pathways PLUS, a multi-million dollar effort to provide educational scholarships to inner city children for inner city private schools** in a venture between the Pathways of Hope Foundation and the Children's Scholarship Fund.
- April 1999** Cardinal Maida **joins others in writing to President Bill Clinton and Yugoslavian President Slobodan Milosevic, urging the immediate cessation of hostilities against the people of Kosovo and a cessation of NATO bombing.**
- June 1999** Cardinal Maida **transfers Kundig Center to Covenant House, a facility that provides shelter to children and offers counseling, job training and collaborative efforts with the business community.**
- Cardinal Maida **conducts a prayer service** for tens of thousands of pilgrims in **Gliwice, Poland**, substituting for the Holy Father, who is stricken by the flu.
- July 1999** **Pope John Paul II names Cardinal Maida to European Synod.**
- August 1999** Cardinal Maida **ordains Bishop Leonard Blair as an auxiliary bishop** for the Archdiocese of Detroit.
- October 1999** **Cardinal Maida and Bishop Robert Rimbo, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America renew Lutheran-Catholic Covenant and celebrate the signing of joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification.**
- December 1999** Cardinal Maida **concelebrates Mass at the rededication and consecration of the Cathedral Church of the Immaculate Conception (Red Church) in Moscow, Russia.**
- March 2000** Cardinal Maida **delivers homily and writes about Holy Father's request for forgiveness of sins of the Church.**
- March 2000** Cardinal Maida **joins the Holy Father on an historic Jubilee pilgrimage to the Holy Land.**
- May 2000** Cardinal Maida **dedicates new St. Vincent de Paul Van Elslander Center in Detroit.**
- May 2000** Cardinal Maida, **along with 7,000 priests, attends the Holy Father's 80th birthday liturgy in Rome.**

- June 2000** With the Bishops of Michigan, Cardinal Maida authors and sends to all Catholic households, the first of a series of messages on education reform and support for the November voucher proposal.
- August 2000** Cardinal Maida meets with World Youth Day pilgrims in Rome. Five hundred metro Detroit youth and young people attend the record-breaking event.
- September 2000** Cardinal Maida hosts first Eucharistic Congress of the Archdiocese of Detroit at newly remodeled St. John's Center for Youth and Family, Plymouth.
- November 2000** Joining with interfaith, business and community leaders, Cardinal Maida mounts "One on One" effort (person-to-person advocacy) in support of Proposal 1, a ballot initiative in Michigan that would have provided opportunity scholarships (vouchers) to students in distressed urban school districts.
- November 2000** Cardinal Maida hosts preview of Pope John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. for U.S. Bishops and dignitaries.
- November 2000** As guest speaker at the Detroit Economic Club, Cardinal Maida focuses on the importance of providing a quality education for young people throughout the Detroit metropolitan area. His address is entitled *Hands Across the Ages: Partnering with our Youth for the New Millennium*.
- March 2001** Cardinal Maida celebrates Mass of Thanksgiving at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.; hosts grand opening of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center; and inaugurates the First Vatican Exhibit, *The Mother of God: Art Celebrates Mary*.
- May 2001** At the invitation of the Holy Father, Cardinal Maida participates with over 150 cardinals in an Extraordinary Consistory at the Vatican on pastoral challenges and evangelization in the new millennium.
- June 2001** Cardinal Maida joins Holy Father on Pastoral Visit to the Ukraine.
- July 2001** Cardinal Maida celebrates Tricentennial Mass of Thanksgiving at Ste. Anne de Detroit Church in honor of 300th anniversary of parish and participates in events celebrating 300th birthday of the City of Detroit, including A Gathering of Shepherds (ecumenical celebration with over 100 faith leaders at Ste. Anne) and Spiritual Day at Detroit's Chene Park.
- September 2001** Cardinal Maida speaks at Interfaith Prayer Service for the Healing of our Nation following the events of 9-11. Twenty clergy from the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faith traditions participate in the service held at Fort Street Presbyterian Church in downtown Detroit and entitled *People of Faith United for Reconciliation, Justice and Peace*.

- January 2002** Cardinal Maida **hosts Interfaith Prayer Service on same day (January 24) as Pope John Paul II and world leaders are praying for peace in Assisi, Italy. Cardinal Maida and representatives from 17 different faith traditions pray for peace and sign *Commitment for Peace in the World* in ceremony at SS. Peter and Paul Church in downtown Detroit.**
- September 2002** Cardinal Maida **participates with a group of interfaith religious leaders in a Prayer Caravan to mark the first anniversary of the September 11 attacks.** The caravan stops at Christian, Jewish and Muslim sites throughout the metropolitan Detroit area. Cardinal Maida leads the prayer at the first stop, Herlong Cathedral School at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul (Episcopal) in Detroit.
- Cardinal Maida **ordains Msgr. Earl Boyea as an auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit.**
- Consistent with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* promulgated by the bishops of the United States, Cardinal Maida **appoints a seven-member Archdiocesan Review Board to advise him on matters involving the sexual abuse of minors by clergy.**
- February 2003** Regarding the imminent and real possibility of war with Iraq, Cardinal Maida **calls all Catholics within the archdiocese to pray and fast for peace. Prayer cards developed by the cardinal, featuring a *Prayer for Peace*, are distributed** to all parishes. The prayer is to be recited at Masses each weekend during the foreseeable future.
- March 2003** Cardinal Maida **rededicates the renovated Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, funded by a \$15 million voluntary campaign.**
- August 2003** Cardinal Maida **ordains Msgr. Walter Hurley, Msgr. John Quinn and Rev. Frank Reiss as auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese of Detroit.**
- September 2003** Cardinal Maida **hosts celebration at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in honor of Pope John Paul II's 25th anniversary.**
- May 2004** Cardinal Maida is **named Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, following the death of Bishop Kevin Britt.**
- July 2004** President George W. Bush names Cardinal Maida to the **Presidential Delegation** lead by U. S. Secretary of State Colin Powell that travels to Poland to participate in events marking the **60th Anniversary of the Warsaw Uprising, July 30–August 1, 2004.**
- February 2005** Cardinal Maida **installs Bishop Robert Carlson as Bishop of Saginaw.**
- March 2005** On the occasion of 75th birthday, **Cardinal Maida submits his resignation to Pope John Paul II.**

- April 2005** Cardinal Maida **attends the funeral of Pope John Paul II** at the Vatican.
- Cardinal Maida **participates in the Conclave that elects Pope Benedict XVI and attends the Holy Father's Installation Mass.**
- May 2005** Cardinal Maida is **invited by the Holy Father to continue as Archbishop of Detroit.**
- August 2005** Cardinal Maida **installs Bishop Walter Hurley as Bishop of Grand Rapids.**
- Cardinal Maida **attends World Youth Day in Cologne, Germany.**
- November 2005** Cardinal Maida **celebrates Mass and dedicates the Cardinal Maida Academy** in East Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.
- January 2006** Cardinal Maida **ordains and installs Bishop Alexander Sample as Bishop of Marquette.**
- March 2006** Cardinal Maida speaks at the Ecumenical Day meeting of the Council of Baptist Pastors of Detroit at Bethany Baptist Church in Detroit.

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