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Archbishop Vigneron to Receive Pallium from Pope on June 29

Detroit Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron will receive from Pope Benedict XVI a symbolic cloth, called a pallium (*pal-ee-um*), signifying his leadership role in the church. The pallium, a thin, white scarf made of lamb's wool, is presented at the Vatican to the resident bishop of an archdiocese. It is worn outside the chasuble and around the shoulders; it resembles the letter 'Y' and signifies an archbishop's unique role in his regional grouping of dioceses known as a province. (The seven dioceses of Michigan comprise the Province of Detroit.)

Archbishop Vigneron will be among other archbishops from the United States receiving pallia (plural for pallium) at the Basilica of St. Peter at the Vatican. The ceremony will take place at 3:30 a.m. Detroit time on Monday, June 29. A video clip reel, still photographs from the ceremony, and other accompanying information will be made available by 2 p.m. that day through the Archdiocese of Detroit Communications Office. More detailed information on logistics will be released prior to the event.

To coordinate same-day audio/video coverage of the event, for advance stories, or for information on necessary Vatican credentials to cover the ceremonies in person, call the Communications Department at (313) 237-5943 or email PROffice@aod.org.

The Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND) and the archdiocesan Web site (www.AODonline.org) will provide live coverage and encore presentations of the pallium ceremony.

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