



DIocese OF GRAND RAPIDS

Office of the Bishop

Bishop Allen Vigneron appointed Archbishop of Detroit

Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron as Archbishop of Detroit. Archbishop-elect Vigneron most recently served as bishop of Oakland, California. Archbishop-elect Vigneron succeeds Cardinal Adam Maida whose letter requesting retirement was accepted.

Archbishop-elect Vigneron, 60, was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 1975 and an auxiliary bishop of Detroit in 1996. In 2003 he was appointed bishop of Oakland, California and served there until his appointment as Archbishop.

On behalf of the Diocese of Grand Rapids, Bishop Walter Hurley has extended congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Archbishop-elect Vigneron and the people of the Archdiocese. Bishop Hurley said:

“Archbishop Vigneron brings many gifts and a wide range of experience. He served in the Office of the Secretary of State of the Vatican, as professor of philosophy and rector of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, auxiliary bishop of Detroit and bishop of Oakland. To all I extend prayers and good wishes.”

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