

Archdiocese of Detroit

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Biography of Cardinal Adam Maida

Adam Joseph Maida was born on March 18, 1930, in East Vandergrift, Pennsylvania. He was the first of three sons born to Adam Maida and Sophie Cieslak Maida.

Cardinal Maida's father, now deceased, came to the United States from a rural area near Warsaw, Poland. His mother was born in the United States and presently resides in Scott Township, Pennsylvania.

One brother, Thaddeus, is a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh and is parochial vicar at Holy Child Parish in Bridgeville. His other brother, Daniel, lives in Presto, Pennsylvania, and is married to the former Patricia Hurley. Daniel is in private business and he and Patricia have three sons, Timothy, Joseph and Robert.

Cardinal Maida attended East Vandergrift Public Schools; Vandergrift Public High School for one year, and Scott Township High School for one year. He then completed high school and graduated from St. Mary's High School, Orchard Lake, Michigan, in 1948.

Following graduation from St. Mary's, Cardinal Maida entered St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake. In 1950, he transferred to St. Vincent's College, Latrobe, Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1952 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy.

In 1956, Cardinal Maida graduated with a Licentiate in Sacred Theology (S.T.L.) from St. Mary's University, Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1960, Cardinal Maida received a Licentiate in Canon Law (J.C.L.) from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome. In 1964, he was awarded a Doctorate in Civil Law (J.D.) from Duquesne Law School in Pittsburgh.

Cardinal Maida was admitted to practice law before the Bar for the State of Pennsylvania, the Federal Bar in Western Pennsylvania, and the United States Supreme Court.

On May 26, 1956, Cardinal Maida was ordained a priest in St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh, by then Bishop John Dearden (deceased Cardinal Archbishop of Detroit).

Following his ordination, Cardinal Maida served in the Diocese of Pittsburgh as an associate pastor, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel of the Diocese, in the Diocesan Tribunal, and as Assistant Professor of Theology at La Roche College, and Adjunct Professor of Law at Duquesne University Law School.

On January 25, 1984, he was ordained and installed as the ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

On May 7, 1990, Pope John Paul II named Bishop Maida Archbishop of Detroit. He was installed as Archbishop of Detroit on June 12, 1990.

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On October 30, 1994, Pope John Paul II named Archbishop Maida a Cardinal. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals at a Consistory held on November 26, 1994, at the Paul VI Auditorium in the Vatican.

In May of 1996, Pope John Paul II appointed Cardinal Maida as Papal Legate (the Pope's personal representative) to the 19th International Marian Congress, which was held in Czestochowa, Poland, from August 24 to 26, 1996.

From November 16 to December 12, 1997, Cardinal Maida participated in the Special Assembly for America of the Synod of Bishops which was held at the Vatican.

In July of 1999, Pope John Paul II appointed Cardinal Maida a member of the Second Special Assembly for Europe of the Synod of Bishops. This assembly was held October 1-23, 1999, at the Vatican and was the last in a series of regional synods aimed at preparing the Church for the third millennium.

In September of 2000, Cardinal Maida convoked an archdiocesan-wide Eucharistic Congress; the 4-day event drew close to 10,000 people to St. John Center for Youth and Family in Plymouth, Michigan.

In March of 2001, Cardinal Maida hosted the opening ceremonies for the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, an occasion that brought national and international leaders to the new museum in Washington, D.C. In the summer of 2001, the cardinal presided at liturgical and civic events celebrating 300 years of Catholic presence in southeast Michigan, a historical milestone the City of Detroit points to as the date of its founding.

In September of 2002, consistent with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People promulgated by the bishops of the United States, Cardinal Maida appointed a seven member Archdiocesan Review Board to advise him on matters involving the sexual abuse of minors by clergy.

In March of 2003, Cardinal Maida rededicated the renovated Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, funded by a \$15 million voluntary campaign.

Current Appointments:

Roman Curia

Member	Congregation for Catholic Education
Member	Congregation for the Clergy
Member	Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts
Member	Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples
Member	Cardinal Commission for the Supervision of the Institute for Works of Religion (IOR)

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Washington, D.C.

Chairman	Ad Hoc Committee for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe
Member	Bishops' Committee on Evangelization
Ex Officio Member	International Policy Committee
Consultant	Committee on Migration
Consultant	Committee on Pro-Life Activities
Episcopal Liaison	Committee for the Polish Apostolate

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Publications:*The Tribunal Reporter - A Casebook and Commentary on the Grounds for Annulment in the Catholic Church, Vol. 1* (1970) Editor*Ownership, Control and Sponsorship of Catholic Institutions* (1975) Author*Issues in the Labor-Management Dialogue: Church Perspectives* (1982) Editor*Church Property, Church Finances and Church-Related Corporations, A Canon Law Handbook* (1983) AuthorLanguages:

Polish, Latin, Italian

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