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Dear Father,

The universal Church will begin a Jubilee Year in honor of Saint Paul, Apostle to the Gentiles, this Sunday, June 29, 2008, on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Our Holy Father's designation of the Pauline Year has special significance for us in Detroit since we are observing our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary year as a diocese. We are the beneficiaries of the Lord's commission to Saint Paul, for him to proclaim the Gospel; and, having heard the Word, it is now our responsibility to announce the Gospel of salvation to our families, communities, and country.

Many parishes, Catholic institutions, and Central Service departments are finalizing plans for the Year of Saint Paul. In the coming months, the Communications Office will send you a list of events. You can also consult the Archdiocesan website for regular updates and resources. In the meantime, especially this weekend, I encourage you to remind the faithful of the commencement of the Year of Saint Paul. You may wish to include mention of this in the Prayers of the Faithful, seeking Saint Paul's intercession for the good of the church and the world. Furthermore, a plenary indulgence is available for the faithful through their participation at Mass this weekend. Information on the elements of obtaining the indulgence can be found on the Archdiocesan website ([www.aodonline.org](http://www.aodonline.org)).

In announcing the Pauline Year, the Holy Father encouraged the ongoing work of evangelization and it is fitting to keep his reflection in mind and heart for the coming year:

*"[...] as in early times, today too Christ needs apostles ready to sacrifice themselves. He needs witnesses and martyrs like St Paul. Paul, a former violent persecutor of Christians, when he fell to the ground dazzled by the divine light on the road to Damascus, did not hesitate to change sides to the Crucified One and followed him without second thoughts. He lived and worked for Christ, for him he suffered and died. How timely his example is today." Pope BENEDICT XVI, Vespers Homily, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, June 28, 2007.*

Through the intercession of Saint Paul, asking God's blessing on all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Detroit, I remain

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

+ *Adam Cardinal Maida*

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