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Bishop Paul J. Bradley to be installed as Fourth Bishop for the Diocese of Kalamazoo

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KALAMAZOO, Mich., June 4, 2009: Bishop Paul J. Bradley will be formally installed as the fourth Bishop for the Diocese of Kalamazoo at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 5th during Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral, 542 W. Michigan Ave., Kalamazoo. Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron, Diocese of Detroit, will preside at the Mass.

Bishop Bradley, 63, was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI on April 6, 2009. He will lead the more than 100,000 Catholics within the nine-county region that constitutes the Diocese of Kalamazoo.

The Installation Mass will begin with a procession of deacons, priests and bishops leading Bishop Bradley to the altar. This will be followed by the introduction of the Mass during which the Apostolic Letter of Appointment from Pope Benedict XVI will be read by Monsignor Alexander Cifuentes Castaño, Chargé d'affaires ad interim for the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

Archbishop Vigneron will lead Bishop Bradley to the bishop's chair (cathedra) and present him with a shepherd's staff (crosier). Bishop Bradley will then be greeted by representatives of the Catholic community. The Mass will be streamed live on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org.

"When I received the call about my appointment from the Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Pietro Sambini back in March, he told me 'This is a diocese you can love.' Those words were prophetic, because I not only 'can' love this diocese, I already do love this diocese," said Bishop Paul J. Bradley. "I am thrilled to be here and to make Kalamazoo City my new home and to

commit myself to doing the very best I can in providing strong, pastoral and Christ-like leadership to the Church of Kalamazoo.”

Prior to his appointment Bishop Bradley served as an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He was ordained a priest on May 1, 1971. Full biographical information and related materials can be found on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofkalamazoo.org.

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The Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo is the territory of Catholic churches and community led by Bishop James A. Murray. The diocese was founded in 1971 when the Second Vatican Council called for the creation of smaller dioceses so that bishops could be more available to the people they serve. Today the diocese encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and has grown to include 46 parishes and 13 missions as well as 22 Catholic schools.