

# JUVENTUTEM MICHIGAN

2507 Ardmore Avenue • Royal Oak, MI 48073 • (734) 646-0430  
facebook.com/JuventutemMichigan • contact@JuventutemMichigan.com

## **Young adult Catholics of *Juventutem Michigan* bringing the Traditional Latin Mass to Detroit's Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

In August, the mother church of the Archdiocese will welcome many members of the "Benedict XVI Generation"

### PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Distribution – February 18, 2013

PLYMOUTH, MI – On the first Monday of Lent 2013, the young adults of *Juventutem Michigan* are happy to announce that they have received the blessing of Archbishop Allen Vigneron and Msgr. Mike LeFevre to organize a Traditional Latin Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Friday night, August 30, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. August 30<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Rose of Lima, according to the calendar of the Missal of Blessed John XXIII, which is used for celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass. The Mass will be celebrated by a young priest of the Archdiocese and will be musically assisted by a choir under the direction of Joseph Balistreri, the Diocesan Director of Music. Anyone may attend the Cathedral Mass.

Blessed Sacrament is the mother church of the Archdiocese and the place for liturgies that bring together the whole local church – such as this past weekend's liturgy for the Rite of Election, at which those who have been studying in order to convert presented themselves to the bishop and were welcomed to complete the final preparation for entering the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Juventutem Michigan is made up of members of the "Benedict XVI Generation" of the Catholic Church. Young adults, single and married, between the ages of 18 and 35, who are committed to Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church, who love the Traditional Latin Mass ("TLM") and other timeless practices of the Catholic faith, and who are interested in other instances of Catholic culture. In Michigan, members of *Juventutem* gather on the last Friday night of each month for a Sung Latin Mass, followed by a dinner, dance, or other young adult social activity.

In a particular way, the papacy of Pope Benedict XVI's made possible the August Cathedral Mass. This Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Antioch, members of *Juventutem Michigan* will gather at Holy Family Church (Greektown) with parishioners and with others for a TLM prayed in thanksgiving for the Pontificate of Pope Benedict XVI. Afterward, there will be a simple, free dinner for all – donations accepted.

It is believed that a TLM was last celebrated at Blessed Sacrament in the 1960s. Cardinal Maida permitted the beginning of the restoration of the TLM in the parishes of the Archdiocese in 2004, when he gave an *indult* ("order of permission") for the TLM to be celebrated at St. Josaphat Catholic Church, near Wayne State. In 2007, Pope Benedict released his *motu proprio Summorum Pontificum*, which legislated that the TLM had never been abrogated and provided that, where there is any demand in a parish, the parish pastor may make the decision to offer the TLM or to provide for its celebration.

Since returning to Detroit, Archbishop Vigneron has confirmed faithful using the prayers in the Extraordinary Form ritual books and met with members of Detroit's Tridentine community. The TLM is celebrated every day at Assumption Grotto and every weekend at St. Josaphat, Detroit; SS. Cyril & Methodius, Sterling Heights; and St. Edward, Lakeport.

Formed in March 2012 and launched that April, *Juventutem Michigan* has brought together more than 250 young adults in the state of Michigan in the course of the dozen plus liturgies and other gatherings that it has organized during its first year.