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Photo Display at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral “Remembering Pope John Paul II: The Detroit Visits”

An exhibit of 37 photos focusing on Pope John Paul II’s three visits to Detroit (in 1969 and 1976 as a cardinal, and in 1987 as pope) is on display, now through the end of May, in the vestibule of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, 9844 Woodward Avenue, in Detroit.

Entitled “Remembering Pope John Paul II: The Detroit Visits,” the collection was put together by Fr. Timothy Pelc, pastor of St. Ambrose Parish, Grosse Pointe Park, with color and black and white photos from the files of the *Detroit News*, *The Michigan Catholic*, and the Vatican archives.

“In retrospect, the pope’s visit to Detroit in 1987 seems more exciting now than it did back then,” said Fr. Pelc. “It was a watershed moment for our city. A pontiff will probably never come to Detroit again within our lifetime.”

The photos of the pope’s 1987 visit include shots from the arrival ceremony, Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Hamtramck, Ford Auditorium, Hart Plaza, the Mass at the Pontiac Silverdome, and his departure from Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Below is a photo from the exhibit of Pope John Paul II in Hart Plaza.



Masses for the repose of the soul of Pope John Paul II continue to be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral each day at 8 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. now through Monday, April 11, with the exception of Sunday, April 10, when Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m.

The official Archdiocese of Detroit Memorial Mass for Pope John Paul II will be celebrated by Detroit Auxiliary Bishop Earl Boyea at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Friday, April 8, at 5:15 p.m.

All Masses are open to the public and condolence books are available for those who wish to sign them. Directions and a complete schedule of Masses at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral can be found online at www.aodonline.org or by calling 313-865-6300.

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