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Diocese of Knoxville will assist media during Dedication Week

KNOXVILLE – The week of Feb. 25-Mar. 4 will mark a significant milestone in the long history of Catholicism in East Tennessee. Bishop Richard F. Stika will be joined by prelates, clergy, and hundreds of faithful people for the dedication of the Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. The communications department of the Diocese of Knoxville will provide resources to assist media that wish to cover these events:

Sunday, Feb. 25

4 p.m.: Final Vespers prayer service at the old cathedral. Transfer of relics to the new cathedral. Media are invited.

Friday, March 2

5:15 p.m.-7 p.m.: Media opportunity with Bishop Stika and visiting prelates and viewing of the new cathedral. Live shots permitted outside cathedral. Video and still photography allowed inside. Interviews begin at 5:45 p.m.

7 p.m.: Evening prayer/first event inside the new cathedral. Media are invited.

Saturday, March 3

Noon: Mass and Rite of Dedication. *Due to the maximum number of people attending and the complex nature of this sacred celebration, the diocesan communications department is happy to provide high quality, professional photos and video files of the Mass for media outlets.* Space limitations will not allow for cameras or seating inside the cathedral during this three-hour Mass.

Sunday, March 4

1 p.m.: Mass celebrated in Spanish by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, the Vatican's top diplomatic ambassador to the United States, known as the Apostolic Nuncio. Media are invited.

3 p.m.: Mass celebrated in Polish by Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, personal secretary to Pope St. John Paul II for nearly 40 years. Media are invited.

7 p.m.: *Conversation with the Cardinals.* Bishop Stika hosts Cardinal Stanisław Dziwisz, Cardinal Justin Rigali, Cardinal William Levada, and Archbishop Christophe Pierre in a lively discussion on the papacy and the life and legacy of Pope St. John Paul II. Media are invited.

Additional resources, including bios on the many prelates who will attend the weekend events, will be available at the media opportunity on Friday, March 2. Cathedral address: 711 S. Northshore Drive, Knoxville, 37919. We look forward to assisting you.