

# Archdiocese of Detroit

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## **Bishop Moses Anderson Retires as Detroit Auxiliary Bishop**

Pope John Paul II has accepted the resignation of Bishop Moses Anderson, S.S.E., as an auxiliary bishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit. Bishop Anderson turned 75, the mandatory retirement age for bishops, on September 9, 2003. As required by canon law, he submitted his resignation to the Holy Father. The Vatican announced today (October 24) that the resignation had been accepted.

“It has been a wonderful experience to work in the Archdiocese of Detroit,” said Bishop Anderson. “I want to thank Cardinal Maida for his confidence and support and the many people down through the years who have helped me in my ministry, especially the Fathers of St. Edmund.”

Bishop Anderson was born in Selma, Alabama, and is a member of the Society of St. Edmund (S.S.E.). He entered the novitiate of the Fathers of St. Edmund in Putney, Vermont, in 1951 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1958 in Burlington, Vermont.

In December of 1982, Pope John Paul II named Bishop Anderson an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit. Among his many duties, Bishop Anderson served as bishop for Regions I and IV of the archdiocese and, in 1992, was appointed pastor of Precious Blood Parish, Detroit. A biography and photo of Bishop Anderson are available on the Archdiocese of Detroit website at [aodonline.org](http://aodonline.org).

“For two decades, Bishop Anderson has served our Church of Detroit in his regional responsibilities and as my personal representative to our Catholic people and also to a great number of civic and interfaith organizations and groups,” said Cardinal Maida, archbishop of Detroit. “Although not a native to metro Detroit, Bishop Anderson quickly understood the gifts and needs of our metro area, particularly its urban reality.”

Bishop Anderson will stay busy in retirement. He leaves next week for Ghana, where he will give a series of lectures on inculturation. On his return, he plans to work on some writing and musical projects. He will also continue his involvement with cooking and organic gardening. In addition, Bishop Anderson plans on donating his extensive collection of African and African-American art to Xavier University in New Orleans.

Cardinal Adam Maida serves as the chief shepherd for the 1.46 million Catholics of the Archdiocese of Detroit who reside in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Lapeer and St. Clair Counties. In addition to Bishop Anderson, the archdiocese has six other auxiliaries: Bishops Earl Boyea, Thomas Gumbleton, Walter Hurley, John Quinn, Frank Reiss, and Walter Schoenherr (retired).

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