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For Immediate Release**

**Diocese of Madison, Wis., Bishop Donald J. Hying, to hold
press conference at St. Bernard Church, site of new cathedral**

Madison – The Diocese of Madison will host a press conference at St. Bernard Church in Madison, 2450 W. Atwood Ave., on Wednesday, January 24, at 3:30 p.m. The Holy See approved the elevation of St. Bernard Church to the cathedral for the Diocese of Madison which has been without a cathedral since 2005 when St. Raphael Cathedral was destroyed by an arson fire.

Press members are invited into the church to learn of the cathedral plans, see artist renderings and interesting items discovered during the initial construction phase, and hear from Bishop Hying and other attendees including the Cathedral Project Manager.

What: Press Conference to announce the new cathedral site for the Diocese of Madison

Who: Bishop Donald J. Hying, Bishop of the Diocese of Madison
Paul Lang, Director of Real Estate and Construction, Diocese of Madison/Project Manager for Cathedral Elevation
Paul Merline, Chief Development Officer, Diocese of Madison

When: Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

Where: St. Bernard Catholic Church, 2450 Atwood Ave, Madison, Wisconsin

Why: A new cathedral is a very rare occurrence; Interesting visual materials including photo/video opportunities of the church interior; Ability to ask questions of the project lead

Notes for Media:

All visitors must enter through the church's **parking lot doors**. The church is an active construction site so hard hats will be available and only certain parts of the property are accessible. The church parking lot is open to vehicles. Please use caution since trucks, equipment, and materials are present.

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