

Green Bay bishop given Detroit job

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Bishop Adam J. Maida, head of the Diocese of Green Bay, was named Tuesday to succeed Cardinal Edmund C. Szoka, head of the Archdiocese of Detroit since 1981.

Maida, 60, who was chosen by Pope John Paul II, said he feels "trepidation and awe" at taking over in Detroit, where parishioners are still reeling from church closings.

The native of East Vandergrift, Pa., will succeed Szoka, who in June will become head of the Prefecture for Economic Affairs of the Holy See, which draws up the Vatican's budget.

"I approach this call to Detroit with trepidation and awe," Maida said. "The responsibilities of this assignment are staggering. The expectations of the people are many. The cultures are diverse."

A lawyer and author of a canon law book on church property, finances and corporations, Maida said he will take on problems in the 1.5-million member Archdiocese of Detroit one day at a time.

Maida, one of three sons born to Polish immigrants, earned his law degree from Duquesne University.

The Rev. Gery Meehan, principal of Abbot Penning's High School in De Pere, said Maida may be remembered incorrectly as the man who was responsible for the unpopular decision to merge Penning's and two Green Bay high schools, St. Joseph Academy for



Maida speaks to reporters Tuesday.

girls and Premontre for boys.

The Rev. Dane Radecki, principal of Premontre and of the new school, Notre Dame Academy, which opens next fall, said Maida's experiences with the Green Bay school merger may help him cope in the Detroit area.

"Any time there's closings, people go through a mourning process in letting go," he said. "He can bring people into a renewed vigor and renewed hope for their church."

Zipperer: Aquatic park-ing all wet

By Tim Kelley
City government reporter

Madison needs more park space — not parking space — a Madison alderman said Tuesday in his criticism of a \$4.9-million aquatic park proposed for Lake Monona.

Downtown Ald. Bert Zipperer, 6th District, sent a critical three-page memo to members of the Parks Commission who are scheduled tonight to review the center plan. He urged them to reject the plan.

"It creates parking space rather than park space," Zipperer said. "The aquatic center is a plan to pave more of the lakeshore. Let's go back to the drawing board."

Zipperer complained that nearly a third of the planned Law Park Aquatic Center would be paved for parking.

The park, centered on a 70-foot-tall cylindrical pavilion designed by late architect Frank Lloyd Wright,

would be built on land created by filling in four acres of the lake.

Law Park, now a thin strip of grass at Lake Monona's northwest edge, would be extended into the lake at the park's eastern end near Blair Street using crushed rock fill, according to the plans. Madison has received federal permission to fill part of the lake.

Project engineers have proposed a park that would have terraced seating and walking areas, docks for boats, a launch area for sailboards, bike paths and 150 parking spaces. A waterfront boardwalk would extend to a pedestrian bridge over John Nolen Drive linked to the foot of Pinckney Street near the Capitol.

The park centerpiece would be a two-story pavilion designed in the 1890s by Wright.

Zipperer said the plan could be "environmentally disastrous." Filling the lake could stir up mercury-laden lake bottom and would de-

stroy fish spawning grounds, he said.

The project passed an environmental test of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Planners remain hopeful the project will be built using city tax money, federal grants and private donations. The project may be competing for city money with other public projects such as a swimming pool or convention center, city staff have said. City taxpayers would probably pay at least a third of the total cost, parks officials estimated.

Alderman to push subsidy:

West Side Ald. Kenneth Golden, 10th District, said he will step up efforts to win council support for his plan to force American Family Insurance Co. to subsidize city bus passes for commuting workers.

Two city committees this week rejected Golden's plan when they approved a development agreement for the company's proposed \$80

million East Side headquarters. Company officials also oppose bus subsidies for workers.

Golden said he believes all new commercial developments should provide bus subsidies to reduce traffic congestion and help promote bus ridership.

"I've had some indications of support" from City Council members who will have final approval of the American Family project, Golden said. "We'll do it on the council floor."

Child-care church? Sunrise School, a child-care center snubbed last month by the council when it tried to move into a West Side home, may instead move to a church.

Neighbors thwarted the school's planned move to a former fire chief's home on Old Middleton Road. Currently housed in a church basement, the center would move to a vacant church on West Lawn Avenue in Golden's council district.

"We have some serious concerns about the process," Johnson said. "When it comes to a crisis situation, it seems our rights were being thrown out the window. At least assure us that our rights are being considered."

While some parents called for support of the administrators' actions, Donna Jones, parent of a Memorial student, said the administrators should be held accountable.

"There needs to be a primary concern about even-handed justice," Jones said. "There is a presumption that black people are wrongdoers. We're beyond the safety issue now. That's when you get to the concern about due process. I think it's fair to hold the principal and the administration accountable."

Taylor said she understands the due-process concern. "We generally follow that very closely," she said, "but this was an unusual situation."

Parents discuss school fight

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suspended — 10 black and seven white students.

There are some things that are absolutely unacceptable in a school setting, and I think violence is one of them," Taylor said. "As a school administrator you have some responsibility for the students who are coming back to you on Monday."

The Rev. Eugene Johnson, chairman of Parents of Memorial Minority Students Advisory Council, said the suspensions violated the students' due process because they didn't have an opportunity to discuss their involvement in the incident before arbitrary suspensions were made based on faculty recommendations.

High school students sought for summer camp in Freiburg

High school students between the ages of 15 and 17 are invited to apply to attend a nine-day international youth camp this summer in Freiburg, West Germany, one of Madison's sister cities.

Each summer the city of Freiburg, at the edge of the Black Forest in the southwestern corner of the country, invites students from each of its sister cities — Guildford, England; Besancon, France; Innsbruck, Austria; Matsuyama, Japan; and Madison — to stay in a youth hostel and participate in group ac-

tivities such as mountain hiking, museum and cathedral tours and a day at Europapark.

The Madison students also spend three days at the homes of Freiburg families.

This year, the Madison students will leave July 27 and return Aug. 8. The cost of the trip is \$750, which includes bus fare and airfare. There is no charge for the youth camp itself.

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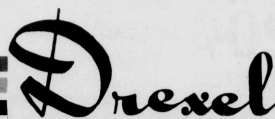
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