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St. Francis Xavier Cathedral to celebrate reopening Dec. 3 after three months of renovations

GREEN BAY, Wis. (Nov. 28, 2017) – St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Green Bay, Wisconsin, will celebrate its reopening Mass Sunday, December 3rd at 9:00 a.m. Bishop David L. Ricken will celebrate the Mass on the feast day of its patron, St. Francis Xavier, which also marks the first Sunday of the season of Advent. Tours of the newly restored worship space will take place after Mass.

“Many lives have been changed within the walls of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese of Green Bay. Within these walls, priests are ordained, sacraments are made, and prayers are heard. Inside this beautiful church, God is worshiped and adored. This place belongs to all those in the Diocese of Green Bay, and it is our duty to preserve it for generations to come – as our predecessors did before us,” said Bishop David L. Ricken.

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral has been closed for the past three months in order to complete extensive restorations within the church. The projects included restoring the oil paintings, replacing the flooring, refurbishing the pews, cleaning and rebuilding the main pipe organ, and completing additional maintenance.

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Who we are: As friends and followers of Jesus, the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay is devoted to fostering households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church. We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God. Established in 1868, the diocese is composed of 324,000 Catholics in 16 counties: Brown, Calumet, Door, Florence, Forest, Kewaunee, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

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