MEDIA ADVISORY

Bagpipes, Irish Dancers and Dignitaries to Offer Rousing Farewell to Archbishop Timothy Dolan

Archbishop Timothy Michael Dolan, the outgoing and good-humored leader of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee since 2002 and soon to be Archbishop of New York, will be honored with a festive farewell during a ceremony tomorrow morning (10 a.m., Tuesday, March 31) in the first floor rotunda at Milwaukee City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.

Ald. Bob Donovan, one of the hosts of a welcoming ceremony for Archbishop Dolan at City Hall in September 2002, will serve as emcee of tomorrow’s event. A representative of Mayor Tom Barrett will take part, as will Common Council President Willie L. Hines, Jr., County Executive Scott Walker, District Attorney John Chisholm, Sheriff David Clarke and others. Elected officials representing all 10 counties of the archdiocese have also been invited, and church representatives and Milwaukee area religious leaders of other faiths are also expected to attend. Dignitaries from institutions across metro Milwaukee are also expected to be on hand, as Milwaukee bids a fond farewell to its 10th and perhaps best known archbishop.

“Archbishop Dolan has done an immense amount of good for our archdiocese and our city, and although we will miss him dearly, we are very proud of his appointment in New York,” said Alderman Donovan. “His energy, his uplifting enthusiasm, and his love for the people of Milwaukee has made a difference, and we want to give him a send-off that he’ll remember and cherish.”

The Greater Milwaukee Fire and Police Pipes and Drums and the Glencastle Irish Dancers will provide entertainment. Space in the rotunda will be limited to comply with fire codes.

WHAT: Farewell event for Archbishop Dolan
WHEN: 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2009
WHERE: City Hall Rotunda

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