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## **Bishop Bradley's statement on the passing of Rev. Billy Graham:**

KALAMAZOO, Mich.: (February 21, 2018): Bishop Bradley released the following statement on the passing of Rev. Billy Graham:

"Today we join with our fellow sisters and brothers from around the world in mourning the passing of the Rev. Billy Graham. He was clearly a man who loved God with his whole heart and soul and spent his lifetime preaching God's Word reaching into every corner of the world. Throughout his life and ministry Rev. Graham was an instrument for God's grace to countless numbers of people. May we continue to be inspired by his example, wisdom and faith. May he rest in peace."

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**The Catholic Diocese of Kalamazoo** is the territory of Catholic churches and community led by Bishop Paul J. Bradley. The diocese was founded in 1971 when the Second Vatican Council called for the creation of smaller dioceses so that bishops could be more available to the people they serve. Today the diocese encompasses 5,337 square miles of nine counties in southwest Michigan: Allegan, Barry, Van Buren, Kalamazoo, Calhoun, Berrien, Cass, St. Joseph and Branch and includes 59 parishes as well as 22 Catholic schools.