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The Diocese of Grand Rapids' Office of Communications issues the following statement from Bishop David J. Walkowiak in response to the death of Most Reverend Joseph Cistone, bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan.

"It is with sadness that I learned of the death of Most Reverend Joseph Cistone, bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw.

Bishop Cistone was a committed shepherd who dedicated his life to advancing God's kingdom in the Diocese of Saginaw. What stands out in my mind was his steadfast support of human life and his promotion of Eucharistic adoration in his parishes.

With hope in the Resurrection, I join with the clergy, religious, and faithful of the Diocese of Grand Rapids in offering our prayers for the repose of Bishop Cistone's soul, for his family and friends, and for the faithful of the Diocese of Saginaw. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May Bishop Cistone rest in peace."

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