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**Bishop Bradley releases statement on the passing of Most Rev. Joseph R. Cistone,  
Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw**

KALAMAZOO, Mich.: (October 16, 2018): Bishop Paul J. Bradley released the following statement today in regard to the sudden passing of Most Rev. Joseph R. Cistone, bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw:

“I am deeply saddened to learn of his sudden passing, and consider it both a blessing and an honor to have served alongside of him as a Bishop in our Province. Our prayers are united with the Faithful of the Diocese of Saginaw, whom Bishop Cistone shepherded for the past nine years. As people of faith, we can be comforted in the knowledge that, while we mourn the loss of our Shepherd and our friend, it is also a glorious moment of faith in the promises of Jesus, as we commend the soul of Bishop Cistone to eternal life with our Blessed Mother and all the Saints. His suffering in this life now over, may he now receive the rewards of his forty-three years of priestly ministry and prayerful dedication, 14 of those years as a Bishop of the Church. May he be welcomed into the arms of his, and our, Loving Father.”