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Cardinal Francis E. George, O.M.I., was born in Chicago and ordained a priest in December 1963 for the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Following his ordination, he taught philosophy at the Oblate seminary in Pass Christian, Miss., at Tulane University in New Orleans, and at Creighton University in Omaha. He holds several academic degrees: a 1964 bachelor’s degree in theology from the University of Ottawa, Canada; a 1965 master’s degree in philosophy from The Catholic University of America; a 1970 doctorate in philosophy from Tulane University; a 1971 master’s degree in theology from the University of Ottawa; and a 1988 doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. In 1973, he was named Provincial Superior of the Midwestern U.S. Province of the Oblates, based in St. Paul, Minn. Later that same year, he moved to Rome after being appointed Vicar General of the Oblates. In 1987, he became Coordinator of the Cambridge Center for the Study of Faith and Culture in Cambridge, Mass. In 1990, Pope John Paul II appointed him Bishop of Yakima, Wash., where he served until 1996, when he was named Archbishop of Portland in Oregon. Less than a year later, in April 1997, he was appointed Archbishop of Chicago, and in 1998 he was elevated to the College of Cardinals. In 2004, Cardinal George was elected Vice President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and in 2007 was elected President of that body, serving in that capacity until completing his term in 2010. Cardinal George is a member of the boards of trustees of The Catholic University of America and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
Cardinal Seán Patrick O’Malley, O.F.M. Cap., was born in Lakewood, Ohio. He was professed as a Capuchin Franciscan in 1965 and ordained a priest of the order in 1970. He earned a Ph.D. in Spanish and Portuguese literature from The Catholic University of America, where he taught from 1969 to 1973. Upon leaving Catholic University, Cardinal O’Malley founded Centro Catolico Hispano (Hispanic Catholic Center), an organization that provides educational, medical, and legal help to immigrants. In 1978, he was appointed episcopal vicar for the Portuguese, Hispanic, and Haitian communities, became executive director of the archdiocesan Office of Social Ministry, and was given the honorary title of Monsignor. He was ordained a bishop in 1984 and named Bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands in 1985. He was subsequently named Bishop of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., in 1992, and Bishop of Palm Beach, Fla., in 2002. In the summer of 2003 Bishop O’Malley was named Archbishop of Boston. He was created a cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI on March 24, 2006. Cardinal O’Malley has served in multiple capacities with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB): He was chairman of and continues to serve on the Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life, and Vocations, and is a member of the Committee on Shrines, the Committee on Marriage and Family Life, the Committee on Migration, and the Commission on Religious Life and Ministry. He is also a member of the Secretariat for the Church in Latin America, assisting with meetings of the Cuban and Haitian bishops conferences. He has served as chairman of the Committee on Missions, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, and the Department of Social Development and World Peace. In 2011 the USCCB membership elected Cardinal O’Malley to be chair of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities; his three-year term begins in November 2012. Cardinal O’Malley presently serves on the Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America and has served on the boards of directors for Catholic Relief Services and the Association for the Development of the Catholic University of Portugal. In 1998 the Holy Father appointed Cardinal O’Malley to the Special Assembly for Oceania of the Synod of Bishops and in 2010 to be Apostolic Visitor to the Archdiocese of Dublin.
Cardinal Daniel DiNardo was born in Steubenville, Ohio, on May 23, 1949, to Nicholas and Jane DiNardo. He is the youngest of three siblings, including his twin sister who was born a few minutes before him. Cardinal DiNardo was raised in Pittsburgh, Pa., and studied at St. Paul Seminary. He holds a master's degree in philosophy from The Catholic University of America; a bachelor's degree in sacred theology from Rome's Gregorian University, which he attended from 1972 to 1975; and a license in patrology, the study of the Fathers of the Church, from the Augustinianum in Rome, which he attended from 1980 to 1981. Cardinal DiNardo was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Pittsburgh on July 16, 1977. He was named assistant chancellor of the diocese in 1981, while also working as a part-time professor at St. Paul Seminary. In 1984, he served as a member of staff of the Congregation for Bishops at the Vatican, where he remained until December 1990. During that time he was also director of the Villa Stritch, the house for American diocesan priests who work for the Holy See. He returned to Pittsburgh in 1991. He served as assistant secretary for education for the Diocese of Pittsburgh and became the founding pastor at Sts. John and Paul Church. He was named Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa, in 1997, and was ordained a bishop on Oct. 7, 1997. He became the ordinary of the Diocese of Sioux City in November 1998. On Jan. 16, 2004, he was named Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. With the elevation of the diocese to an archdiocese, Bishop DiNardo automatically became coadjutor archbishop. On Feb. 28, 2006, Archbishop DiNardo succeeded Archbishop Joseph A. Fiorenza as the ordinary of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Then, on Oct. 17, 2007, Archbishop DiNardo was among those named by the Vatican to be elevated to the status of cardinal. Cardinal DiNardo was assigned the Roman parish of St. Eusebio as his titular church, of which he took possession on Feb. 20, 2008. He became the first Roman Catholic cardinal in Texas and the American South. He is eligible to participate in future papal conclaves that begin before his 80th birthday. Cardinal DiNardo’s motto is “Ave Crux Spes Unica” (taken from a Latin hymn dated to the year 609) and is translated as: “Hail, Oh Cross, Our Only Hope.”
Cardinal Donald Wuerl is the Archbishop of Washington and Chancellor of The Catholic University of America. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI. He is known nationally for his catechetical and teaching ministry and for his efforts on behalf of Catholic education. Cardinal Wuerl is the Cardinal Baum University Professor of Theology at Catholic University, where from time to time he teaches and interacts with CUA students. He serves on the Board of Trustees of the University and chairs its Seminary Committee. Cardinal Wuerl received his Bachelor of Arts degree from CUA in 1962 and his Master of Arts in 1963. Cardinal Wuerl is also chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, chairman of the board of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Foundation and also of The Papal Foundation. He is chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Committee on Doctrine and a member of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis as well as the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty. Cardinal Wuerl was appointed the Relator General for the 2012 Vatican Synod of Bishops on the New Evangelization for the Transmission of the Christian Faith. He is the author of numerous articles and books, including the best-selling catechisms, *The Teaching of Christ and The Catholic Way*. His book, *The Mass*, was published in January 2011, *The Gift of Blessed John Paul II* was published in April 2011, and his most recent work, *Seek First the Kingdom*, was published in January 2012. Cardinal Wuerl hosted Pope Benedict XVI in Washington in April 2008 on the Holy Father’s historic journey to the United States. In addition to his degrees from The Catholic University of America, Cardinal Wuerl has graduate degrees from the Gregorian University and a doctorate in theology from the University of Saint Thomas in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 17, 1966, and ordained a bishop by Pope John Paul II on Jan. 6, 1986, in Saint Peter’s Basilica, Rome. He served as Auxiliary Bishop in Seattle until 1987 and then as Bishop of Pittsburgh for 18 years until his appointment to Washington. His titular church in Rome is Saint Peter in Chains (San Pietro in Vincoli).
Cardinal Timothy Dolan was born Feb. 6, 1950, the first of five children of Shirley Radcliffe Dolan and the late Robert Dolan. In 1964, he began his high school seminary education at St. Louis Preparatory Seminary South in Shrewsbury, Mo. His seminary foundation continued at Cardinal Glennon College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy. He then completed his priestly formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome where he earned a License in Sacred Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas. Cardinal Dolan was ordained to the priesthood on June 19, 1976. He then served as associate pastor at Immacolata Parish in Richmond Heights, Mo., until 1979. On his return to St. Louis, Cardinal Dolan served in parish ministry from 1983 to 1987, during which time he was also liaison for the late Archbishop John L. May in the restructuring of the college and theology programs of the archdiocesan seminary system. He completed his doctorate in American Church history at The Catholic University of America in 1985. In 1987, Cardinal Dolan was appointed to a five-year term as secretary to the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C. When he returned to St. Louis in 1992, he was appointed vice rector of Kenrick-Glenon Seminary, serving also as director of spiritual formation and professor of Church history. He was also an adjunct professor of theology at Saint Louis University. In 1994, he was appointed rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome where he served until June 2001. While in Rome, he also served as a visiting professor of Church history at the Pontifical Gregorian University and as a faculty member in the Department of Ecumenical Theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas. The work of the cardinal in the area of seminary education has influenced the life and ministry of a great number of priests of the new millennium. On June 19, 2001 — the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood — then Father Dolan was named the Auxiliary Bishop of St. Louis by Pope John Paul II. He was installed as Milwaukee’s 10th Archbishop on Aug. 28, 2002, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. He was installed as Archbishop of New York by Pope Benedict XVI on Feb. 23, 2009. Cardinal Dolan served as chairman of Catholic Relief Services from January 2009 to November 2010. He is president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of the Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America, the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization, and the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. On June 29, 2009, Cardinal Dolan received the pallium, a symbol of his office as an archbishop, from Pope Benedict XVI at St. Peter’s Basilica. On Jan. 6, 2012, Cardinal Dolan was appointed to the College of Cardinals and elevated in the Consistory of Feb. 18, 2012.
A native of Hollywood, Calif., Cardinal Roger Mahony received a bachelor's degree from St. John's Seminary College, and a pontifical degree in sacred theology from St. John's Theologate. He received a master's degree in social work from The Catholic University of America's National Catholic School of Social Service in 1964. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1962 and was named Auxiliary Bishop of Fresno in 1975 by Pope Paul VI. Pope John Paul II appointed him third Bishop of Stockton in 1980 and the fourth Archbishop of Los Angeles in 1985. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals in 1991. He is the first native Angeleno and the third Archbishop of Los Angeles to be elevated to Cardinal. Cardinal Mahony served as the first chairman of California's Agricultural Labor Relations Board in 1975. In addition, he has served on a wide range of committees and commissions of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference, including farm labor, migration and refugees, stewardship, and pro-life activities. He was a papal appointee to the 1987 Synod of Bishops on the Role of the Laity in the Church and the World. He served on The Catholic University of America's Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1988, and returned to serve on the board in 1998. Cardinal Mahony is a member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications and the Council of Cardinals for the Study of Organizational and Economic Affairs of the Holy See. In November 1995, he completed a term as chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities. In 1997, Cardinal Mahony was appointed as one of three president delegates to the Special Assembly for America of the Synod of Bishops by Pope John Paul II. From 1998 to 2001 he served as chairman of the United States Catholic Conference Domestic Policy Committee. In March 2000, he was appointed a member of the Prefecture of Economic Affairs of the Holy See. Cardinal Mahony was intimately involved in the design and construction of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary of service to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in September 2012. Cardinal Mahony retired as the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles on March 1, 2011. He will continue to be an outspoken proponent of comprehensive immigration reform that is just and respectful of the rights of individuals.
Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò was born on Jan. 16, 1941, in Varese, Italy. He was ordained a priest on March 24, 1968, and incardinated in the Diocese of Pavia (Italy). He has a doctorate in both canon and civil law (Utroque iure). Archbishop Viganò started his service in the diplomatic corps of the Holy See as Attaché in 1973 in Iraq and Kuwait. In 1976 he was transferred to the Apostolic Nunciature in Great Britain. From 1978 until 1989 he worked at the Secretariat of State of Vatican City. On April 4, 1989, he was nominated Special Envoy with the functions of Permanent Observer to the European Council in Strasbourg. He was appointed Archbishop on April 3, 1992. On April 26, 1992, he was consecrated and made Titular Archbishop of Ulpiana. He was nominated Apostolic Pro-Nuncio in Nigeria, on April 3, 1992. On April 4, 1998, he was nominated Delegate for the Pontifical Representations. Archbishop Viganò served as Secretary General of the Governorate of the Vatican City State from July 16, 2009, until Sept. 3, 2011. On Oct. 19, 2011, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to the United States. He speaks Italian, French, Spanish, and English.
John Garvey is the 15th President of The Catholic University of America, a position he has held since July 2010. Born in Sharon, Pa., Garvey is a nationally renowned expert in constitutional law, religious liberty, and the First Amendment. Garvey earned his J.D. in 1974 at Harvard Law School, where he served as treasurer of the Harvard Law Review, and he earned an A.B. in 1970 from the University of Notre Dame. Garvey came to CUA from Boston College Law School, where he had served as dean since 1999. Garvey’s faith and his belief in the Catholic intellectual tradition have played a central role in his teaching and scholarly research, which span more than three decades. Prior to serving as dean of Boston College Law School, Garvey held positions as a professor at the University of Notre Dame Law School from 1994 to 1999; a visiting professor at the University of Michigan Law School from 1985 to 1986; a professor at the University of Kentucky College of Law from 1976 to 1994 (receiving the Duncan Faculty Award in 1993); and assistant to the solicitor general in the U.S. Department of Justice from 1981 to 1984. He argued several prominent cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, including Silkwood v. Kerr-McGee Corporation and Heckler v. Campbell, which addressed disability regulation within the Social Security Administration. In addition, he served as president of the Association of American Law Schools from 2008 to 2009. He also served on the Judicial Nominating Commission and the Supreme Judicial Court Pro Bono Committee for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and on the Task Force on Terrorism for the American Bar Association. At age 34, he was elected to the American Law Institute. Currently, he serves as a columnist for Catholic News Service. He is the author of the book *What Are Freedoms For?* and the co-author of four books, including *Sexuality and the U.S. Catholic Church: Crisis and Renewal*, which won a Catholic Press Association award, and *Religion and the Constitution*, which won the Jesuit Book Award from Alpha Sigma Nu. He has been awarded fellowships by the National Endowment for the Humanities and by the Danforth Foundation. He and his wife, Jeanne Walter Garvey, have been married for 37 years and have five children and 13 grandchildren.