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Archbishop Emeritus of New York

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Cardinal Francis E. George, O.M.I., was born in Chicago and ordained in December 1963 as a priest for the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Following his ordination, he began teaching philosophy at the Oblate Seminary in Pass Christian, Miss. 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, Rome. In 1973, he was named provincial superior of the Midwestern U.S. Province of Oblates in St. Paul, Minn., and later named vicar general of the Oblates in Rome. In 1987 he became coordinator for the Cambridge Center for the Study of Faith and Culture, in Cambridge, Mass. In 1990 he became bishop of Yakima, Wash., and in 1996, archbishop of Portland, in Oregon. A year later he was appointed archbishop of Chicago, and in 1998 he was elevated to the College of Cardinals. In 2004 he was elected vice president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and in 2007 he was elected president of that organization. Cardinal George is a member of the boards of trustees at 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, and ordained as a priest of the Capuchin religious order of friars 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 installed as bishop of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands in 1985. He was installed as bishop of the Diocese of Fall River, Mass., in 1992, and in 2002 was installed as bishop of Palm Beach, Fla. In the summer of 2003 he was appointed archbishop of Boston. He was created cardinal in a special consistory by Pope Benedict XVI on March 24, 2006. Cardinal O’Malley has served in multiple capacities with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: He was elected chairman of its Committee on Consecrated Life and currently 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 consultant to the Committee for Pro-Life Activities and a member of the Secretariat for the Church in Latin America. He has served as chairman of the Committee on Missions and as a member of the Committee on Hispanic Affairs and the Church in Latin America, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and the Department of Social Development and World Peace. 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.
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 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. He also speaks fluent Italian. Cardinal DiNardo was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Pittsburgh in July 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 was named a staff member 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 as assistant secretary for education for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and eventually became the founding pastor at Sts. John and Paul Church in that diocese. He was named coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa, in 1997, and was ordained bishop in October 1997; he became ordinary there in November 1998. In January 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 bishop. On Oct. 17, 2007, the Vatican announced that Archbishop DiNardo would be among 23 priests who would be elevated to the status of cardinal. On Nov. 24, 2007, Cardinal DiNardo was assigned the Roman parish of St. Eusebio as his titular church, taking possession of that church on Feb. 20, 2008. He became the first Roman Catholic cardinal in Texas and the American South. He will be eligible to participate in future papal conclaves that begin before his 80th birthday, which is in 2029.
Cardinal Adam J. Maida was born in East Vandergrift, Pa., and ordained a Roman Catholic priest in 1956. Following his ordination, he served in the Diocese of Pittsburgh as an associate pastor, vice chancellor and general counsel, and in the Diocesan Tribunal. He was an assistant professor of theology at La Roche College and adjunct professor of law at Duquesne University Law School. He holds several academic degrees: a 1956 licentiate in sacred theology from St. Mary’s University in Baltimore; a 1960 licentiate in canon law from the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome; and a 1964 doctorate in civil law from Duquesne University Law School in Pittsburgh. In 1984, he was ordained and installed as the ninth bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay, Wis. Six years later, he was named archbishop of Detroit. He was elevated to the College of Cardinals in November 1994. Pope Benedict XVI accepted Cardinal Maida’s resignation as archbishop of Detroit on Jan. 5, 2009, after the Cardinal passed the age limit for service. He had served as a member of the Congregation for Catholic Education, the Congregation for the Clergy, the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, the Pontifical Council for the Interpretation of Legislative Texts, and the Cardinal Commission for the Supervision of the Institute for Works of Religion, as well as on numerous committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is the episcopal liaison for the Committee for the Polish Apostolate. He is chairman emeritus of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Foundation and a member of its Board of Directors. Cardinal Maida is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
Cardinal Edward Egan was born in Oak Park, Ill. Having earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Ill., he completed his seminary studies at the Pontifical North American College in Vatican City. In 1958, he received a licentiate in sacred theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University. After serving as secretary to Cardinal Albert Meyer, he earned a doctorate in canon law in 1964 from the Pontifical Gregorian University. Thereafter, he served as secretary to Cardinal John Cody and later as co-chancellor of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In 1972, he went back to Rome as a judge of the Tribunal of the Sacred Roman Rota, a position he held until he was consecrated a bishop on May 22, 1985. He served as auxiliary bishop and vicar for education of the Archdiocese of New York from 1985 to 1988. On Dec. 14, 1988, he was installed as the third bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport. On May 11, 2000, Pope John Paul II appointed him archbishop of New York, a position he held until April 2009. Subsequent to his appointment as archbishop, he also served as president and treasurer of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, conventual chaplain of the American Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and grand prior of the Association of Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., and the Ratisbonne Institute in Jerusalem. On Feb. 21, 2001, Cardinal Egan was elevated to the College of Cardinals. As a member of the College of Cardinals, he has been assigned by the Holy Father to the following agencies of the Holy See:

- The Supreme Tribunal of the Apostolic Signatura
- The Congregation for the Oriental Churches
- The Pontifical Council for the Family
- The Prefecture for the Economic Affairs of the Holy See
- The Council of Cardinals for the Study of the Organizational and Economic Affairs of the Holy See
- The Permanent Commission for the Protection of the Historic and Artistic Patrimony of the Holy See
ARCHBISHOP WILTON D. GREGORY

Born Dec. 7, 1947, in Chicago to Wilton Sr. and Ethel Duncan Gregory, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory attended St. Carthage Grammar School, where he converted to Catholicism. He attended Quigley Preparatory Seminary South, Niles College (now St. Joseph’s College Seminary) of Loyola University and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary. Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 9, 1973, he earned his doctorate in sacred liturgy in 1980 at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute (Sant’ Anselmo) in Rome. After serving as an associate pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview, Ill., as a faculty member of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein and as a master of ceremonies to Cardinals John Cody and Joseph Bernardin, he was ordained an auxiliary bishop of Chicago on Dec. 13, 1983. On Feb. 10, 1994, he was installed as the seventh bishop of the Diocese of Belleville, Ill., where he served for 11 years. On Dec. 9, 2004, Pope John Paul II appointed Bishop Gregory as the sixth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. He was installed on Jan. 17, 2005. As a leader in the U.S. Church, he was elected president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in November 2001, following three years as its vice president. During his tenure as USCCB president from 2001 to 2004, the crisis of sex abuse by Catholic clergy escalated, and under his leadership the bishops implemented the “Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.”

Archbishop Gregory has served on the National Conference of Catholic Bishops Executive and Administrative Committees, the Administrative Board, the Committee on Doctrine and the United States Catholic Conference Committee on International Policy. He served as the chairman of the Bishops’ Committees on Personnel and the Third Millennium/Jubilee Year 2000 from 1998 to 2001, the Committee on Liturgy from 1991 to 1993, and the Committee on Nominations in 2006. Currently Archbishop Gregory is chairman of the USCCB Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs Committee and episcopal liaison for the National Catholic Educational Association. He is also the USCCB representative for Christian Churches Together, an ecumenical association; a member of the USCCB Divine Worship Committee; a member of The Catholic University of America Board of Trustees; and chairman of the Liturgy Committee for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
Born in Sogliano al Rubicone, Forli, Italy, Archbishop Pietro Sambi is the Holy See's ambassador, or apostolic nuncio, to the United States. Ordained to the priesthood in 1964, he holds doctoral degrees in sacred theology and canon law. Archbishop Sambi began serving in the Holy See's diplomatic corps in 1969 in Cameroon. He was transferred to Jerusalem in 1971, Cuba in 1974, Algeria in 1978, Nicaragua in 1979, Belgium in 1981, and then to India in 1984 with the rank of counselor. In 1985 he was named the apostolic pro-nuncio to Burundi by Pope John Paul II. That year he was also consecrated a bishop and made titular archbishop of Belcastro. In 1991 he was named apostolic pro-nuncio in Indonesia and in 1998 he was named apostolic nuncio to Israel and Cyprus and apostolic delegate to Jerusalem and Palestine. In 2005 Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Sambi the apostolic nuncio to the United States. Archbishop Sambi speaks Italian, English, French and Spanish. As nuncio to the United States, he represents the pope to both the hierarchy and Church in the United States and to the nation's government.
Allen Henry Vigneron was born in Mount Clemens, Mich., in 1948. He attended the high school program of Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, and earned his bachelor's degree there with majors in both philosophy and classical languages in 1970. He continued his theological education in Rome at the Pontifical Gregorian University and earned a Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree in 1973 and a Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 1977. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Detroit on July 26, 1975. He earned his M.A. in philosophy in 1983 and his Ph.D. in May 1987 from The Catholic University of America. In January 1985, Father Vigneron returned to Detroit to teach philosophy and theology at Sacred Heart Seminary. In January 1988, he was appointed dean of that college. In 1991, Father Vigneron returned to Rome to serve as an official of the Administrative Section of the Vatican Secretariat of State. He was an adjunct instructor at the Gregorian University. In 1994, he returned to Detroit to become the second rector-president of the re-founded Sacred Heart Major Seminary. At that time, he was named a monsignor by Pope John Paul II. On June 12, 1996, Monsignor Vigneron was named an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Detroit. On Jan. 10, 2003, he was named coadjutor bishop of Oakland, Calif., and became bishop of Oakland on Oct. 1, 2003. Bishop Vigneron oversaw the design and construction of the new 1,350-seat Cathedral of Christ the Light, which was dedicated on Sept. 25, 2008. Bishop Vigneron returned to Detroit and on Jan. 5, 2009, was named archbishop. With his installation, he became metropolitan archbishop for the seven dioceses of Michigan and chairman of the Michigan Catholic Conference. He also serves as chairman of the board of Sacred Heart Major Seminary and SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, and as publisher of The Michigan Catholic newspaper. Archbishop Vigneron is a trustee of the National Catholic Bioethics Center and chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America. He is a member of the Doctrine Committee and the Subcommittee on Catechism for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. He also serves on the USCCB Taskforce on Strengthening Marriage.
Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl was installed as the sixth archbishop of Washington in June 2006. The archdiocese includes the District of Columbia and five Maryland counties. The archbishop was born in Pittsburgh on Nov. 12, 1940, and received graduate degrees from The Catholic University of America and the Gregorian University in Rome, as well as a doctorate in theology from the University of St. Thomas in Rome in 1974. He was ordained to the priesthood on Dec. 17, 1966, and ordained a bishop by Pope John Paul II on Jan. 6, 1986, in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. He served as bishop of Pittsburgh for 18 years, until his appointment to Washington. Archbishop Wuerl is chairman of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine, a member of the USCCB Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, and chairman of the board of the National Catholic Educational Association. He was involved in developing the National Directory for Catechesis and the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, which was published in 2006, and is the author of several books, including the best-selling catechisms The Teaching of Christ and The Catholic Way. Archbishop Wuerl serves on numerous national and international bodies and is a member of the Vatican council for the Synod of Bishops. He is the chancellor of The Catholic University of America, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the newly elected chairman of the Board of the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center. Archbishop Wuerl is the former chairman of the board for the National Catholic Bioethics Center. He also has served as chairman of the education, priestly life and ministry, priestly formation, and evangelization and catechesis committees of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. In addition, Archbishop Wuerl is the Cardinal Baum University Professor of Theology at The Catholic University of America, where he can from time to time teach and interact with CUA students.
Very Rev. David M. O'Connell, C.M., is the 14th president of The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., a position he has held since Sept. 1, 1998. He has a doctorate in canon law from Catholic University, with a specialization in Catholic higher education. Father O'Connell possesses degrees in moral theology and philosophy as well. Before becoming president of Catholic University, he was associate vice president and academic dean at St. John's University, Jamaica, N.Y., and interim academic vice president at Niagara University, Lewiston, N.Y. He also served as an ecclesiastical judge and canonical adviser in numerous dioceses in the United States and as a seminary professor. Ordained a priest in 1982, Father O'Connell has written and spoken extensively on the topic of Catholic higher education and Pope John Paul II's apostolic constitution *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*. He has been interviewed for television and radio programs on a variety of Church-related subjects. He has participated in media analyses concerning the legacy of Pope John Paul II, papal succession and the transition in leadership to Pope Benedict XVI, and the pontiff’s April 2008 visit to the United States and CUA's campus. Father O'Connell is the recipient of numerous honorary degrees and other awards for his work in Catholic higher education, including the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award from the National Catholic Educational Association in 2006. He serves as a consultor for the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education and is a member of numerous boards of trustees and other public service organizations.