

MEDIA ADVISORY
April 20, 2015

**Services and Public Visitation at Holy Name Cathedral for
Francis Cardinal George, OMI, Archbishop Emeritus of Chicago
1937 - 2015**

Media are invited to cover the services, prayer vigils, public visitation, Funeral Mass and Committal Service for Cardinal George.

The Archdiocesan Media Relations Office, Hispanic Communications Office and Office of Radio and Television are working to provide the media with what they need to do their jobs successfully, while maintaining the proper environment inside and outside the Cathedral and at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines.

Media will be asked to register online at

www.archchicago.org/passing-of-francis-cardinal-george/for-the-media/registration

to attend any of the following services in Holy Name Cathedral and All Saints Cemetery. There will be pool coverage for TV, radio and still cameras for the Funeral Mass. The beginning of the Rite of Reception will be pooled and there will be one pool camera graveside at the cemetery.

- **Rite of Reception**
 - Tuesday, April 21, at 2 p.m.
- **Prayer Vigil for Priests and Seminarians**
 - Tuesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Interreligious Observance**
 - Wednesday, April 22, at 10:30 a.m.
- **Prayer Vigil for Women and Men Religious, Deacons and their Wives**
 - Wednesday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m.
- **All Night Vigil Conducted by Lay Ecclesial Movements**
 - From 9 p.m., Wednesday, April 22, until 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 23
- **Prayer Service**
 - Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 a.m.
- **Funeral Mass (Reporter Only)**
 - Thursday, April 23, 12 p.m.
- **Committal Service**
 - Thursday, April 23, All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines, following Funeral Mass

Media Information for all Cathedral services:

- Only **one** cameraperson from each television outlet will be permitted in the Cathedral.
- Only **one** still photographer from each print outlet will be permitted in the Cathedral.
- Only **one** reporter with a recording device from each radio station will be permitted in the Cathedral.
- Only **one** reporter from each media outlet will be permitted in the Cathedral.
- The designated media positions inside the Cathedral will be located in the right and left aisles in the area directly in front of the confessionals, so as not to block the view of the altar for anyone in the pews. Attached is the floor plan of Holy Name Cathedral that indicates the designated media positions.

- Media will not be permitted to move from the designated areas during the services except for the entrance procession and final recession when hand-held or shoulder mounted cameras will be allowed at the main aisle.
- The Archdiocese will provide a mult box on both the north and south sides of the Cathedral.
- Live feeds of the service inside the Cathedral will be permitted by Wi-Fi only. No cabling will be permitted.
- No interviews will be permitted inside the Cathedral before or after any of the services.

Media Information regarding the Rite of Reception on 4/21:

- CBS2 and one print photographer will provide pool coverage for the arrival of the Cardinal's casket at Holy Name Cathedral at the beginning of the ceremony. This is the only part of the ceremony that will be pooled.

Media information regarding Public Visitation on 4/21 and 4/22:

- Media are welcome to cover all hours of the public Visitation.
- Cameras and reporters must remain in the designated media area on the north side of the Cathedral.
- No interviews will be permitted inside the Cathedral during the public visitation.

Funeral Mass for Cardinal George

Thursday, April 22 at Noon

Pool Coverage by WGN-TV, AP and Chicago Tribune

Please contact the pool providers directly:

- **Video and Audio Contact:**
 - **Bob Vorwald, WGN-TV, 773-883-3268**
- **Still Photography Contact:**
 - **Chicago Tribune: Todd Panagopoulos, Director of Photography, 312-222-3563, tpanagopoulos@chicagotribune.com**
 - **Associated Press: Kiichiro Sato, U.S. Regional Photo Editor/Central, ksato@ap.org, 312-920-3631; or Bob Graves, 312-920-3607, rgraves@ap.org**
- No video or audio recording will be allowed in the Cathedral.
- No still cameras will be allowed in the Cathedral.
- One reporter from each media outlet will be permitted in the Cathedral.

Security

Media are asked to enter the Cathedral grounds from Wabash Avenue. Camera equipment and bags will be checked by law enforcement and/or security personnel. Media will be asked to enter and exit the Cathedral from the North Courtyard doors.

- Media can enter the Cathedral beginning at 11 a.m.
- Folding chairs located in the right and left aisles directly in front of the confessionals will be provided for the media. *(Attached is the floor plan of Holy Name Cathedral that indicates the designated media positions.)*

- No interviews will be permitted inside the Cathedral before or after the Funeral Mass.

State Street will be closed from Chicago Avenue to Superior Street. One television truck per station will be permitted in the Cathedral parking lot beginning on Tuesday, April 21. No parking will be permitted on Superior Street from Wabash Avenue to Dearborn Street. The camera platform will set up on the west side of State Street, across from the Cathedral. Camera positions are being coordinated by Tom Schneck of CBS2 Chicago.

FUNERAL PROCESSION INFORMATION

Although the services are open to the public, driving in the funeral procession is **not** open to the public.

Route

- South on State Street to Ontario
- West on Ontario to I-90/94
- Northwest on I-90/94 to Irving Park
- West on Irving Park to St. Pascal
- Pause at St. Pascal
- Continue west on Irving Park to Narragansett/Nagle
- North on Narragansett/Nagle to Milwaukee
- Northwest on Milwaukee to Dempster
- West on Dempster to River Road
- North on River Road to cemetery entrance

COMMITTAL SERVICE INFORMATION

The Committal Service will take place at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. Per the Cardinal's wishes, he will be buried in the George family plot. ABC7 will provide one pool camera near the graveside service. There will be one print pool camera position at the same location. We are working on arrangements to get unilateral reporter/camera positions also at the cemetery, but please know that these positions will be set back quite far from the service.

We will continue to communicate with our media partners as more information becomes available. If there are any questions that we might be able to answer about these two events, please do not hesitate to call us.

Thank you,

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Attachment: Holy Name Cathedral Floor Plan