

HIS EMINENCE Francis Cardinal George, OMI

Eighth Archbishop of Chicago

January 16, 1937 – April 17, 2015

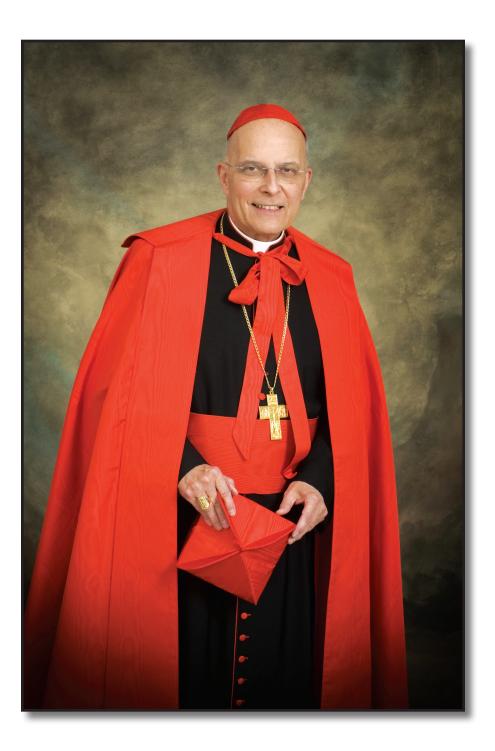


Rite of Reception into the Cathedral

HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL

Archdiocese of Chicago

Tuesday, April 21, 2015 2:00 pm



His Eminence Francis Eugene Cardinal George, O.M.I., eighth Archbishop of Chicago, was born in Chicago to Francis J. and Julia R. McCarthy George on January 16, 1937. He was the first native Chicagoan to serve as Archbishop of Chicago and the first Cardinal to retire as Archbishop of Chicago.

After attending St. Pascal Grade School on Chicago's northwest side and St. Henry Preparatory Seminary in Belleville, Illinois, he entered the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate on August 14, 1957.

He studied theology at the University of Ottawa, Canada, and was ordained a priest by Most Rev. Raymond Hillinger on December 21, 1963, at St. Pascal Church.

Cardinal George earned a master's degree in philosophy at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. in 1965 and a doctorate in American philosophy at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1970 and, in 1971, a master's degree in theology from the University of Ottawa in Canada.

From 1973 until 1974 he was Provincial Superior of the Midwestern Province for the Oblates, based in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was then elected Vicar General of the Oblates and served in Rome from 1974 until 1986.

He returned to the United States and became coordinator of the Circle of Fellows for the Cambridge Center for the Study of Faith and Culture in Cambridge, Massachusetts from 1987 until 1990. During that time, he obtained a Doctorate of Sacred Theology in ecclesiology from the Pontifical Urban University, Rome, Italy, in 1988.

Pope John Paul II appointed him Bishop of Yakima on July 10, 1990. He was ordained and installed as the fifth bishop of Yakima on September 21, 1990, in Holy Family Church, Yakima.

He served there for five and a half years before being appointed Archbishop of Portland-in-Oregon by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 1996. He was installed on May 27, 1996 as the ninth Archbishop of Portland in St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Portland.

Less than a year later, on April 8, 1997, Pope John Paul II named him the eighth Archbishop of Chicago, to the See left vacant by the death of Joseph Cardinal Bernardin on November 14, 1996. His installation by the Most Rev. Agostino Cacciavillan, Apostolic Pro-Nuncio, took place at Holy Name Cathedral on May 7, 1997. On January 18, 1998, Pope John Paul II announced Archbishop George's elevation to the Sacred College of Cardinals. At the Consistory of February 21, 1998, Cardinal George was assigned San Bartolomeo all'Isola in Rome, as his titular church.

He was President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2007 to 2010, and Vice-President of the USCCB from 2004 to 2007.

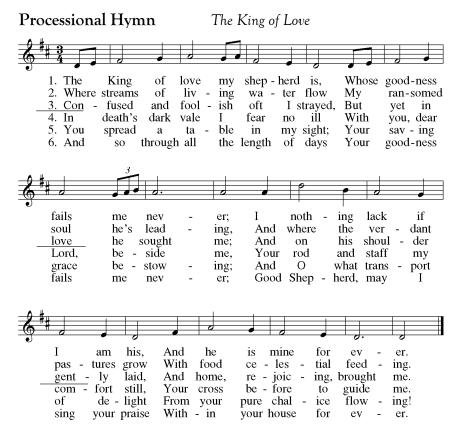
As Archbishop of Chicago, he issued two pastoral letters: on evangelization, "Becoming an Evangelizing People," (November 21, 1997) and on racism, "Dwell in My Love" (April 4, 2001). His book, The Difference God Makes: A Catholic Vision of Faith, Communion, and Culture, was published in October 2009, by The Crossroad Publishing Company. It is a collection of essays exploring our relationship with God, the responsibility of communion and the transformation of culture. His most recent book, God in Action: How Faith in God Can Address the Challenges of the World, was published in May 2011, by Doubleday Religion. In this collection of essays, he reflected on the significance of religious faith in the public sphere and underscored the unique contributions of religion to the common good.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Placing of the Pall

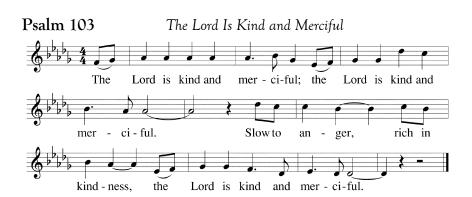


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Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading John 3: 1-2



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Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel John 14:1-6

Homily Msgr. Danial Mayall

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Response:

Lord, have mer - cy.

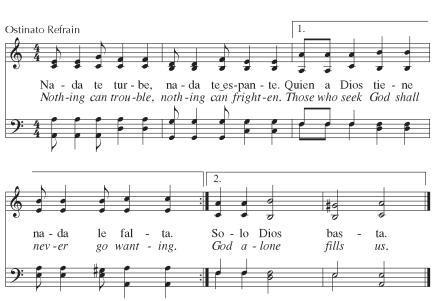
Lord's Prayer

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing

Closing Song

Nada Te Turbe/Nothing Can Trouble



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Cardinal George prayed the following prayer every day: You are invited to use this prayer as part of your own prayerful mediation.

O Jesus, living in Mary,
come and live in your servants,
in the spirit of your holiness,
in the fullness of your power,
in the reality of your virtues,
in the perfection of your ways,
in the communion of your mysteries.
have dominion over every adverse power,
in your own Spirit,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Jean Jacques Olier, S.S. (1608-1657) From the Prayer Book of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



