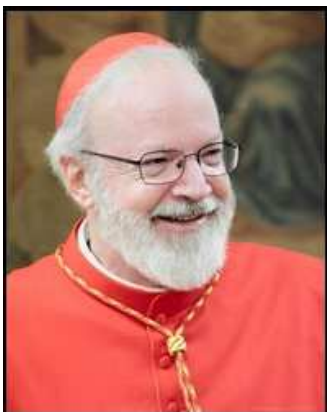


SEÁN PATRICK CARDINAL O'MALLEY, OFM CAP

RECIPIENT OF THE 2007 TUITIO FIDEI PRIZE



His Eminence Seán Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap, was born as Patrick O'Malley in Lakewood, Ohio. He, his sister, and his older brother grew up in Herman, Pennsylvania.

On July 14, 1965, Cardinal O'Malley professed his vows in the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin and took the name Seán in honor of St. John the Apostle. After he was ordained Deacon he spent a brief period in Easter Island, Chile. He was ordained a priest on August 29, 1970, at age 26. After graduating from St. Fidelis, he attended Capuchin College in Washington, D.C. and The Catholic University of America, where he graduated with a master's degree in religious education and a Ph.D. in Spanish and Portuguese literature. He served as a professor at Catholic University from 1969 to 1973. In 1973, he was asked to minister to Hispanics living in the Washington, D.C. area. He founded *Centro Católico Hispano* (Hispanic Catholic Center), which provided educational, medical and legal help to immigrants. He also opened a Spanish bookstore and founded the first Spanish newspaper in the Washington area. He was appointed Episcopal vicar for the Portuguese, Hispanic, and Haitian communities in 1978, and became the executive director of the archdiocesan Office of Social Ministry.

His Eminence was appointed coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Saint Thomas on May 30, 1984, by Pope John Paul II and succeeded Bishop Harper as Bishop of Saint Thomas on October 16, 1985. While in the Virgin Islands, he worked with the homeless and opened a home for people with AIDS. On June 16, 1992, he was chosen to head the Diocese of Fall River, in Massachusetts, where he worked closely with the Portuguese and Hispanic population. After serving in Fall River for ten years, he was appointed Bishop of Palm Beach in Florida, on September 3, 2002. At age 59, just nine months after arriving in Palm Beach, Cardinal O'Malley returned to Massachusetts when he was appointed Archbishop of Boston on July 1, 2003, being installed on the following July 30.

Pope Benedict XVI elevated Archbishop O'Malley to the rank of cardinal in the consistory on March 24, 2006. His Eminence was created Cardinal

Priest and given the titular Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria in Rome. In May 2006, he was named as a member of both the Congregation for the Clergy and the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life in the Roman Curia.

He has been a chaplain of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta since 1991, being ascribed to the American Association.

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