

**Cardinal Francis Eugene George, OMI**  
**Archbishop of Chicago**



**PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION**

Born: January 16, 1937

Birthplace: Chicago, IL

Parents: Francis J. George and Julia R. McCarthy

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Academic Degrees Earned:

- M.A. in philosophy, The Catholic University of America, Washington
- M.A. in theology, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada
- Ph.D. in philosophy, Tulane University, New Orleans
- S.T.D. in sacred theology, Pontifical University Urbaniana, Rome

Theologate:

- University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada

**PRIESTLY ORDINATION**

Entered the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate on August 14, 1947 and made final vows on September 8, 1961.

Ordained to the priesthood on December 21, 1963 in Chicago.

## EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS

Appointed Bishop of Yakima on July 10, 1990  
Ordained September 21, 1990

Subsequently appointed Archbishop of Portland in Oregon on April 30, 1996  
Installed May 27, 1996

Subsequently appointed Archbishop of Chicago on April 8, 1997  
Installed May 7, 1997

## CARDINALATIAL CREATION

Elevation to the College of Cardinals announced: January 18, 1998

Date of Consistory at which Pope John Paul II created him Cardinal: February 21, 1998

Titular Church: St. Bartholomew on Tiber Island

Rank: Cardinal-Priest<sup>1</sup>

## VATICAN CURIAL MEMBERSHIPS

Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments  
Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and for Societies of Apostolic Life  
Pontifical Council "Cor Unum."  
Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples  
Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church  
Congregation for Oriental Churches  
Pontifical Council for Culture

He was a papal appointee to the 1994 World Synod of Bishops on Consecrated Life and a delegate and one of two special secretaries at the Synod of Bishops for America in 1997. He was a delegate of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to the 2001 World Synod of Bishops. He was also elected to the Council for the World Synod of Bishops in 2001.

## USCCB MEMBERSHIP

Vice President, 2004-present

Administrative Committee, Member  
Committee on Doctrine, Consultant  
Executive Committee, Vice President  
Committee on Liturgy, Consultant

Committee on Migration, Consultant  
Committee on Personnel, Chairman  
Committee on Priorities and Plans, Vice President  
Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Consultant  
Ad Hoc Committee on Shrines, Member  
Subcommittee on Lay Ministry, Consultant  
Task Force on Catholic Bishops and Politicians, Consultant  
Task Force on Content and Flow of General Meetings, Chairman  
Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Board of Trustees, Member

Commission for Bishops and Scholars (1992-1994)  
Committee on Evangelization (1991-1993)  
Committee on Hispanic Affairs (1994-97)  
Committee on Science and Values (1994-97)  
Committee on African American Catholics (1999-2002)

#### OTHER MEMBERSHIPS

He is the USCCB Representative to the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (since 1997). He is also the Chancellor of the Catholic Church Extension Society (since 1997) and the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois (since 1997). He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America (since 1993), a Trustee of the Papal Foundation (since 1997), a member of the Board of Directors of the National Catholic Bio-ethics Center in Boston (since 1994), and a member of the Board of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (since 1997). He has been the Episcopal Liaison to the Catholic Campus Ministry Association Executive Board since 1998 and is now also Episcopal Moderator for the Ministry of Transportation Chaplains (2003). He also served as Episcopal Advisor to the Cursillo Movement, Region XII, from 1990 to 1997.

Since 1990, he has been Episcopal Moderator and member of the board of the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities. He brings personal experience to his role after a five-month bout with polio at age 13 left him with permanent damage to his legs.

Cardinal George is Conventual Chaplain ad honorem of the Federal Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, Grand Prior of the North Central Lieutenancy of the United States for the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and a member of the Kohl McCormick Early Childhood Teaching Awards Advisory Board. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Oblate Media, Belleville, Illinois, since 1988.

He is a member of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, the American Society of Missiologists and the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs.

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<sup>1</sup> Canon 350, paragraph 1, states: "The College of Cardinals is divided into three ranks: the episcopal rank, which consists of both the cardinals to whom the Roman Pontiff assigns the title of a suburbicarian church and the oriental patriarchs who have become members of the college of cardinals; the presbyteral rank; and the diaconal rank."