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Rotary Club *of* Chicago

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October 11—Francis Cardinal George

Francis Cardinal George is the first Chicago native to become Archbishop of Chicago. Installed in May 1997, he arrived by way of the west coast, where he had spent less than a year as Archbishop of Portland, Oregon and five years as Bishop of Yakima, Washington. He is the thirteenth Ordinary for Chicago since its establishment as a diocese in 1843.

The northwest side native, a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, is the sixth Cardinal to lead the Chicago Archdioceses 2.3 million Catholics. He has assumed a prominent position among U.S. Cardinals, serving as the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2007 to 2010. His pastoral leadership encompasses international and national audiences.

Community Service Committee Seeking Project Volunteers - October 15 College Fair

100 Black Men of Chicago seeks to improve the chances of success for young Black Men by encouraging them towards success in the educational process, sharing with them our collective life's experience, imparting to them a system of values and ethics, and exposing them to the world beyond their immediate communities. ROTARY/One is supporting 100 Black Men in this mission with a $1,000 donation to their college fair on October 15. The group is also in need of volunteers to help register participants in shifts from 7-11 or 11-3 on October 15. Please contact Zenith Houston at HoustonZ@NJHealth.org if you are interested in helping.

Club Calendar

October 18: Program-Jeffrey Korzenik, 5/3 Bank economist on the current economic outlook

October 25: Program-David Templin, RI District 6450 Governor

November 1: Rotary After Work Program-Dennis Chookaszian: former CEO, CNA Insurance and board member for 11 companies including the CME 5:30 PM, ULC

November 8: Program-Veterans Day, Col. Joe Smith -

November 15: Program-Annual Meeting, Legacy Recognition, Paul Harris Recognition

November 22: Program-Earl Jones, Clear Channel Communications

November 29: Program-Orly Gil, Israel Consul General

December 6: Rotary After Work Program-TBD

December 13: Annual Holiday Party - no luncheon meeting; 5:30—8:00 PM, ULC

December 20 & 27: NO MEETINGS

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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 is the first native Chicagoan to serve 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. In 1971, he received a master's degree in theology from the University of Ottawa in Canada. During those years, he also taught philosophy at the Oblate Seminary, Pass Christian, Mississippi (1964-69), Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana (1968) and at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska (1969-1973).

From 1973-74 he was Provincial Superior of the Midwestern Province for the Oblates in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was then elected Vicar General of the Oblates and served in Rome from 1974-1986.
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 (1987-1990). During that time, he obtained a Doctorate of Sacred Theology in ecclesiology from the Pontifical Urban University, Rome, Italy (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 also appointed a member of the Holy See's Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and for Societies of Apostolic Life, and the Pontifical Council "Cor Unum."

In 1999, Pope John Paul II appointed Cardinal George to the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and the Pontifical Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church. In 2001, the Pope appointed him to the Congregation for Oriental Churches, and in 2004, he appointed Cardinal George to the Pontifical Council for Culture. In 2010, Pope Benedict XVI appointed Cardinal George to the Pontifical Council for the Study of the Organizational and Economic Problems of the Holy See.

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 and was also elected to the Council for the World Synod of Bishops in 2001. He served as a delegate of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops for the 2008 World Synod of Bishops on "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church."

He is a member of the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship and the ad hoc Committee on Shrines. He also serves as consultant to the USCCB Committees on Doctrine and Pro-Life Activities and the Subcommittee on Lay Ministry. He was President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2007-2010, and Vice-President of the USCCB from 2004-2007. He has also served on USCCB Committees on Doctrine, on Latin America, on Missions, on Religious Life, the American Board of Catholic Missions, and on World Missions; on the ad hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism and the Subcommittee on Campus Ministry.

He was chair of the USCCB Commission for Bishops and Scholars from 1992-1994, and of the USCCB Committee on Liturgy from 2001-2004, and a consultant to the USCCB Committees on Evangelization (1991-93), Hispanic Affairs (1994-97), Science and Values (1994-97), and African American Catholics (1999-2002). He was the USCCB Representative to the International Commission on English in the Liturgy from 1997-2006.

He is 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 Bioethics Center in Philadelphia (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.
From 1990 to 2008, he was Episcopal Moderator and member of the board of the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities (now known as the National Catholic Partnership on Disability). He brought 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 publisher of The Catholic New World, Chicago Católico, and Katolik, the official newspapers of the Archdiocese of Chicago, and writes a column for these newspapers. He is also interviewed monthly on "Catholic Community of Faith," a radio program sponsored by the Archdiocese on WNTD 950-AM, and he is on the Chicago Loop Cable Ch. 25 program "The Church, The Cardinal and You."

As Archbishop of Chicago, he has 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 reflects on the significance of religious faith in the public sphere and underscores the unique contributions of religion to the common good.

He is a member of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, the American Society of Missiologists and the Catholic Commission on Intellectual and Cultural Affairs. In addition to English, he speaks French, Italian, Spanish and some German.

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Volunteers Needed for Breast Health and Education Program

ROTARY/One is a sponsor of an event at Loretto Hospital during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The event will focus on continual breast health and education and emphasize the importance of women getting annual breast cancer screenings. The event will take place on Friday November 11, 2011 at Loretto Hospital in the auditorium at 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. The morning will consist of guest speakers and a Q&A session to address any concerns by our attendees. Finally, the morning will culminate with individual bra fitting and a bra for all participants. If you are available to assist with hosting and registration please contact the Community Service Committee at info@rotaryone.net.

Board Nominating Committee

The club's bylaws provide that the board appoint a nominating committee which selects the nominees for officers and directors of the club. This year, Andrea Luehmann is serving as the committee chair. Positions for which this committee will propose nominees whose appointment shall be effective July 1, 2012 are: President-Nominee (serving as President in fiscal year 2015), Treasurer for fiscal year 2012 and 2013 and four directors, each serving a two year term in fiscal years 2013 and 2014.

If you are interested in serving as an officer or director of the club, or if you would like to propose a member of the club to serve, please contact Andrea via email at al@luehmann-chicago.com no later than noon on Tuesday, October 25. The nominating committee will present their nominations at the club annual meeting on November 15.

Annual Campaign

Lisa Russ, campaign chair and President-Elect has kicked off the annual campaign. A letter has been sent to all members of the club along with a pledge card. Copies are available at today's luncheon. The campaign goal is for 100% participation by all members of the club and $75,000. All funds raised are designated for the support of club service projects. Please consider becoming a Member of the Ches Perry Society by donating $1000 to the Rotary/One Foundation. In addition, the Club will match your gift up to $500 to attain your first Paul Harris Fellowship if you can give $500 to the R/One Foundation and $500 to the RI Foundation. We will hold a special recognition ceremony for all Members who become Ches Perry and/or Paul Harris Fellows at our Annual Meeting on November 15.

Appointment to the Club Foundation Trustees

Club President Barry Axler is pleased to announce on behalf of the club board of directors the appointment of John Noonan as a Trustee of the ROTARY/One Foundation.

John is with Argent Resources Corp and his classification is money manager. He is filling the term of George Sladoje who has had to reduce some of his volunteer committees. Special thanks goes to George for his service as foundation treasurer.

Annual Meetings

The ROTARY/One Foundation will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, October 25th at 1:40 PM immediately following the regular Rotary luncheon. All members are invited to attend. The meeting will elect the officers of the foundation for the next year.

The Club annual meeting is on Tuesday, November 15th and will serve as the program for the luncheon. Activities will include the election of officers and directors; finance report for fiscal 2011; service project report for the past year; the Legacy Campaign of the foundation; and presentation of Paul Harris and Ches Perry recognitions.