

STATEMENT OF ARCHBISHOP DOLAN

His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI has announced that His Excellency the Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be elevated to the dignity of Cardinal in a Consistory to be held on February 18, 2012.

Archbishop Dolan released a statement today in which he expressed his gratitude to Pope Benedict XVI saying that he is "honored, humbled, and grateful." He also thanked the people of the archdiocese of New York, "this is about an affirmation of love from the Pope to a celebrated archdiocese and community, and a summons to its unworthy archbishop to serve Jesus, His Church universal, His vicar on earth, and His people better."

Archbishop Dolan is the eighth Archbishop of New York to be named a Cardinal. The first seven Cardinal Archbishops of New York were:

John Cardinal McCloskey

(Archbishop 1864-1885;
created Cardinal 1875.
First American Cardinal.)

John Cardinal Farley

(Archbishop 1902-1918;
created Cardinal 1911)

Patrick Cardinal Hayes

(Archbishop 1919-1938;
created Cardinal 1924)

Francis Cardinal Spellman

(Archbishop 1939-1967;
created Cardinal 1946)

Terence Cardinal Cooke

(Archbishop 1968-1983;
created Cardinal 1969)

John Cardinal O'Connor

(Archbishop 1984-2000;
created Cardinal 1985)

Edward Cardinal Egan

(Archbishop 2000-2009;
created Cardinal 2001)

Cardinal-Designate Dolan Holds Mass At St. Patrick's



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York Archbishop Timothy Dolan delivered his first Mass as a cardinal-designate to a packed St. Patrick's Cathedral in Midtown on Sunday, January 8, 2012.

Those in attendance said Dolan's elevation is a great moment for all Catholics in New York.

Dolan delivered his homily celebrating the Christian holiday of Epiphany while battling laryngitis, and said he was happy for all Catholics and their supporters in the archdiocese.

"That makes me happy when my people are happy," said Dolan.

"It's a great example for New York Catholics, of how we are called to live the Gospel, of how we are called to go out and be witnesses to that," said parishioner William Tarraza. "And even today in his homily, he preached just so generously from his heart and I think that's what New York needs."

Dolan is one of 22 who have been elevated to cardinal by Pope Benedict XVI. The official ceremony, known as a consistory, takes place at Vatican City on February 18.