

State of Wisconsin



2009 Senate Joint Resolution 15

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: commending Archbishop Timothy Michael Dolan on his appointment as archbishop of New York.

Whereas, Pope John Paul II named Timothy Michael Dolan the archbishop of Milwaukee on June 25, 2002. Archbishop Gabriel Montalvo, papal nuncio to the United States, installed Archbishop Dolan as Milwaukee's tenth archbishop on August 28, 2002, at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist; and

Whereas, Archbishop Dolan was born on February 6, 1950, the first of five children born to Shirley Radcliffe Dolan and the late Robert Dolan. In 1964, Archbishop Dolan began his high school seminary education at St. Louis Preparatory Seminary South in Shrewsbury, Missouri. His seminary foundation continued at Cardinal Glennon College, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy. He then completed his priestly formation at the Pontifical North American College in Rome where he earned a license in sacred theology at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas; and

Whereas, Archbishop Dolan was ordained to the priesthood on June 19, 1976. He then served as associate pastor at Immacolata Parish in Richmond Heights, Missouri, until 1979 when he began studies for a doctorate in American Church History at the Catholic University of America. Before completing the doctorate, he spent a year researching the late Archbishop Edwin O'Hara, a founder of the Catholic Biblical Association. Archbishop O'Hara's life and ministry were the subject of Archbishop Dolan's doctoral dissertation; and

Whereas, Archbishop Dolan served in parish ministry in St. Louis, Missouri, from 1983 to 1987, during which time he was also a liaison for the late Archbishop John L. May in the restructuring of the college and theology programs of the archdiocesan seminary system; and

Whereas, on June 19, 2001—the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood—then Father Dolan was named the auxiliary bishop of St. Louis by Pope John Paul II. The new Bishop Dolan chose for his Episcopal motto the profession of faith of St. Peter: "Ad Quem Ibimus?" (Lord to whom shall we go?) (John 6:68); and

Whereas, Archbishop Dolan has led the 211 parishes and nearly 700,000 Catholics within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee through a period of healing and reconciliation with integrity and honor. In addition, he has been a leader to all Milwaukeeans regardless of their faiths; and

Whereas, Pope Benedict XVI named Archbishop Dolan the archbishop of New York on February 23, 2009. Milwaukeeans of all faiths send their prayers with Archbishop Dolan as he embarks on this new endeavor; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That we commend Archbishop Dolan for his service to the citizens of Wisconsin and wish him well with his new job serving the people of New York.

Representative Michael J. Sheridan
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Fred A. Risser
President of the Senate

Date

Robert J. Marchant
Senate Chief Clerk