



BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory Sixth Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta

Born: December 7, 1947

Ordained: May 9, 1973

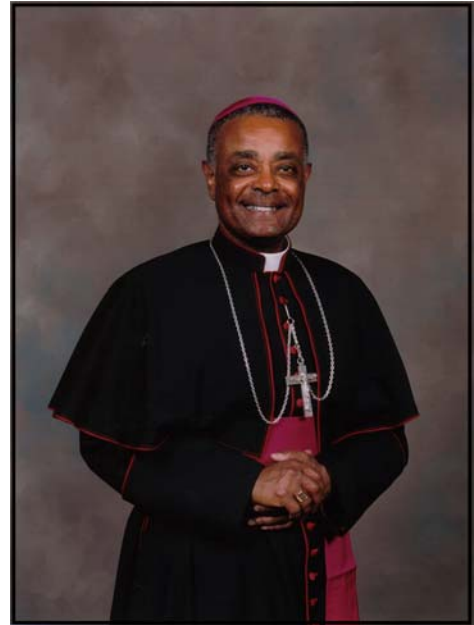
Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago:

December 13, 1983

Installed Seventh Bishop of Belleville:

February 10, 1994

**Installation as Seventh Bishop, Sixth Archbishop
of Atlanta:** January 17, 2005



Born December 7, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois, Bishop Gregory is the son of Wilton (Sr.) and Ethel Duncan Gregory. He attended St. Carthage Grammar School, Quigley Preparatory Seminary South, Niles College (now St. Joseph's College Seminary) of Loyola University, and Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary. Three years after his ordination to the priesthood he began graduate studies at the Pontifical Liturgical Institute (Sant' Anselmo) in Rome. It was there that he earned his doctorate in Sacred Liturgy in 1980.

Bishop Gregory was ordained a Catholic Priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 9, 1973. He was ordained a Bishop on December 13, 1983, after having served as an associate pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview, a member of the faculty at Saint Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, and a Master of Ceremonies to Cardinals Cody and Bernardin. Bishop Gregory was installed as the Seventh Bishop of Belleville on February 10, 1994 following ten years as Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago.

On November 13, 2001, Bishop Gregory was elected President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, following three years as Vice President under Bishop Joseph Fiorenza of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. Bishop Gregory served on the NCCB Executive and Administrative Committees, the Administrative Board, the Committee on Doctrine, and the United States Catholic Conference Committee on International Policy. He previously served as Chairman of the Bishops' Committees on Personnel (1998-2001), the Third Millennium/Jubilee Year 2000 (1998-2001), and Liturgy (1991-93).

Bishop Gregory has written extensively on Church issues, including pastoral statements on the death penalty and euthanasia/physician-assisted suicide. He has published numerous articles on the subject of liturgy, particularly in the African-American community.

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