



## Media Opportunity

### U.S. Cardinals to Gather in Atlanta for April 23 Catholic University Fundraiser

America's Catholic cardinal-archbishops will travel to Atlanta for the 21st American Cardinals Dinner, to be held Friday, April 23. Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory, archbishop of Atlanta, and Very Rev. David M. O'Connell, C.M., president of The Catholic University of America, will co-host this year's dinner. The event, which raises money for CUA scholarships, is hosted annually by a different diocese or archdiocese and Catholic University, which is the national university of the Catholic Church.

**WHAT: Media Opportunity with Archbishop Gregory and Father O'Connell**

**WHEN: Friday, April 23  
3:20 to 3:35 p.m.**

**WHERE: Cathedral of Christ the King, Plaza  
2699 Peachtree Road, NE.  
Atlanta**

**DETAILS:** Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory, archbishop of Atlanta, and Very Rev. David M. O'Connell, C.M., president of CUA, will host the annual gala for Catholic University at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta, 265 Peachtree St., NE.

A 4 p.m. public Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the King will precede the dinner. Photography will be allowed at the Mass. Archbishop Gregory will serve as the principal celebrant; and the cardinals in attendance will concelebrate. Father O'Connell will give the homily

Archbishop Gregory serves as spiritual leader of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, whose Catholic population numbers more than 850,000. Since the beginning of Archbishop Gregory's tenure in Atlanta, four additional parishes have been organized for a total of 99 parishes and missions. Bishop Gregory was appointed as the sixth archbishop of the Atlanta archdiocese by Pope John Paul II on December 9, 2004.

Father O'Connell, CUA's president, leads an institution of 12 schools and about 6,800 students that is unique as the only university in the United States established by the nation's Catholic bishops. Founded in 1887, CUA marked a special chapter in its distinguished history on April 17, 2008, when Pope Benedict XVI addressed Catholic educators from around the nation on campus.

**MEDIA:** Those interested in more information about the 21<sup>st</sup> American Cardinals Dinner should contact Patricia Chivers, communications director for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, at 404-885-7420 (office) or 678-480-6865 (mobile).

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