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Cardinal Timothy Dolan (March 6, 2013)

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SOUTH BEND -- Cardinal **Timothy Dolan**, Catholic archbishop of New York and president of the **U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops**, will be the principal speaker and recipient of an honorary degree at the **University of Notre Dame's** commencement ceremony on May 19.

Commencement will be in Notre Dame Stadium.

"Over the past several years, I have had the honor and pleasure of getting to know Cardinal Dolan," the Rev. John I. Jenkins, Notre Dame's president, said in a written statement released today. "He is a man of great intelligence and personal warmth, and a dedicated shepherd of the church. We were pleased to have him here in 2011 to give the inaugural lecture for the Notre Dame Project on Human Dignity, and we are grateful that he has accepted our invitation to join us in celebrating the achievements of our students and to provide them with words of wisdom as they set out into the world."

Dolan was named archbishop of New York by Pope **Benedict XVI** on Feb. 23, 2009, after serving for seven years as archbishop of Milwaukee. He was elected president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on Nov. 16, 2010. Pope Benedict elevated him to cardinal on Jan. 6, 2012.

Born Feb. 6, 1950, Dolan began his high school seminary education in 1964 at **St. Louis** Preparatory Seminary South in Shrewsbury, Mo. His seminary foundation continued at Cardinal Glennon College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy. He 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.

He was ordained to the priesthood on June 19, 1976. He then served as associate pastor at Immacolata Parish in Richmond Heights, Mo., until 1979 when he began studies for a doctorate in American church history at Catholic University of America. On his return to St. Louis, Dolan served in parish ministry from 1983 to 1987.

In 1987, Dolan was appointed to a five-year term as secretary to the Apostolic Nunciature in **Washington**, D.C. When he returned to St. Louis in 1992, he was appointed vice rector of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, serving also as director of spiritual formation and professor of church history. He also was an adjunct professor of theology at Saint Louis University.

In 1994, he was appointed rector of the Pontifical North American College in Rome, where he served until

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June 2001. He also served as a visiting professor of church history at Pontifical Gregorian University and as a faculty member at Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas

In June 2001, Dolan was named auxiliary bishop of St. Louis by Pope John Paul II.

Dolan served as chairman of Catholic Relief Services from January 2009 to November 2010. He currently is a member of the board of trustees of Catholic University of America and a member of the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization and the Pontifical Council for Social

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