

WELCOME CARDINAL TOBIN!



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin was born on May 3, 1952 in Detroit, MI. He is the oldest of 13 children. Of Irish ancestry, he is the son of the late Joseph W. Tobin and Marie Terese Kerwin,

Young Joseph Tobin attended Holy Redeemer Elementary School in Detroit, and then graduated from St. Joseph's Prep College, Edgerton, WI in 1970. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy in 1975 from Holy Redeemer College in Waterford, WI. He then attended Mount Saint Alphonsus Seminary in Esopus, NY, earning Masters Degrees in Religious Education in 1977 and Divinity in 1979.

In 1976, Cardinal Tobin professed perpetual vows as a member of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, the Redemptorists. In 1978, he was ordained to both the diaconate and the priesthood. He went on to serve as associate pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Detroit, where he engaged in youth ministry and ministry to the Hispanic community. In 1984, he was named pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish. From 1990 until 1991, he served as pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish in Chicago.

Cardinal Tobin served with the Redemptorists as a Provincial Consultor from 1984 until 1990, as General Consultor of the Community in Rome from 1991 until 1997, and as Superior General from 1997 until 2009.

On August 9, 2010, Pope Benedict XVI, named Cardinal Tobin Secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life.

On October 18, 2012, Pope Benedict appointed him to serve as the Sixth Archbishop of Indianapolis. His Holiness, Pope Francis, named him to the College of Cardinals on October 9, 2016 and on November 7, 2016, Pope Francis named Cardinal Joseph Tobin to serve as the Sixth Archbishop of Newark. Cardinal Tobin speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese, and reads several other languages.

Saint Mary's welcomes Cardinal Tobin with great joy!