

# WORLD & NATION

## Portland prelate named to Chicago

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Archbishop Francis E. George of Portland, Ore., has been named archbishop of Chicago by Pope John Paul II.

The appointment was announced in Washington April 8 by Archbishop Agostino Cacciavillan, papal pro-nuncio to the United States.

Archbishop George, 60, will succeed Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin, who died last November. He was appointed to Portland only last April 30 and installed there last May 27.

A member of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, he was named to the hierarchy in 1990 when the pope appointed him bishop of Yakima, Wash.

He is a native of Chicago, entered the Oblates in 1957 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1963 in Chicago.

On the day his appointment was announced, Archbishop George took immediate steps to ease tensions that arose in the city from an attack on a black 13-year-old by three white teenagers, all students or graduates of a Chicago Catholic high school.

Archbishop George was scheduled to go to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago for a visit with the black teen, Lenard Clark, whose prognosis was still unclear after the March 21 attack.

Clark, who was in a coma for a week after the incident, has walked down a hospital corridor, can breathe on his own and spoken one word, "mama." But he continued to be fed intravenously.

On April 8, in addition to holding a news conference on his appointment, Archbishop George was scheduled to visit the tomb of Cardinal Bernardin at Mount Carmel Cemetery in Hillside, meet with archdiocesan employees, and pray at Holy Name Cathedral.

Bishop Raymond E. Goedert, who had served as archdiocesan administrator since Cardinal Bernardin's death, welcomed Archbishop George "with a warm heart and an open mind" as the eighth archbishop of Chicago.

"We are confident the Holy Father has



CNS photo  
**Pope John Paul II places a white pallium on Portland Archbishop Francis E. George in June 1996. Archbishop George was named the archbishop of Chicago April 8. He succeeds Cardinal Joseph Bernardin who died last November.**

chosen an individual who will — through his spiritual leadership and his personal example — guide our local church well as we face the challenges and opportunities of a new millennium of Christianity," he said in a statement.

Francis Eugene George was born in Chicago on Jan. 16, 1937. He entered the novitiate of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1957, and studied theology at the University of Ottawa, Canada. He was ordained a priest on Dec. 21, 1963, in Chicago.

Archbishop George earned a master's degree in philosophy at The Catholic University of America in 1965 and a doctorate at Tulane University in New Orleans in 1970. He taught philosophy at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., and became chairman of the philosophy department.

He has a doctorate in ecclesiology from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome.

Archbishop George served as provincial superior of the Midwestern province

of the Oblates in 1973-74 and was elected vicar general for the order in Rome, serving from 1974 to 1986.

The mission of the Oblates, who number about 500 in the United States, is to work among the poor. Their founder, Bishop Eugene de Mazenod, was canonized Dec. 3, 1995.

After then-Father George returned to the United States, he became coordinator of the Cambridge Center for the Study of Faith and Culture, in Cambridge, Mass. He was serving in that post when he was named bishop of Yakima in 1990.

He is one of three Oblate bishops in the United States. The other two are Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer of San Angelo, Texas, and Bishop Roger L. Schwietz of Duluth, Minn.

A delegate to the world Synod of Bishops on consecrated life in 1994, Archbishop George also serves as episcopal moderator of the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities.

### Attorney calls suicide proponents 'dishonest'

NEW YORK (CNS) — The assistant attorney general who handled New York state's case against physician-assisted suicide accused plaintiffs in the case of "intellectual dishonesty" in speaking of a "limited right" that would affect only a few individuals.

"That is incompatible with the doctrine of fundamental rights generally," said Michael S. Popkin in an address April 4 at St. John's University Law School in New York.

If something is declared a fundamental constitutional right, it cannot be limited to only a dozen people, he said. Popkin said that in arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court, lawyers supporting physician-assisted suicide tried to make it palatable by narrowing it to people in certain defined categories — suffering, competent to make decisions, terminally ill.

### Bombs hit monastery week before papal visit

BOSNIA (CNS) — A week before Pope John Paul II's visit to Sarajevo, another Catholic building was bombed and seriously damaged in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Franciscan monastery at Kraljeva Sutjeska, about 20 miles from Sarajevo, was rocked early April 6 by several grenades fired from a hill nearby. Authorities said one policeman was slightly injured in the blasts, which struck the monastery's front gate.

"I hope this attack does not provoke other reactions," a priest from the monastery, Father Stjepan Duvnjak, was quoted as saying after the bombardment.

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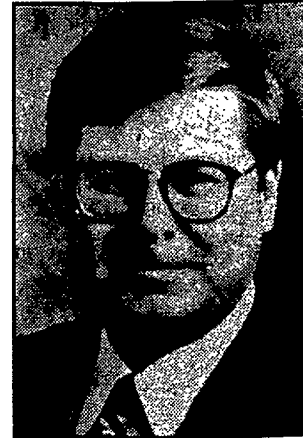
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