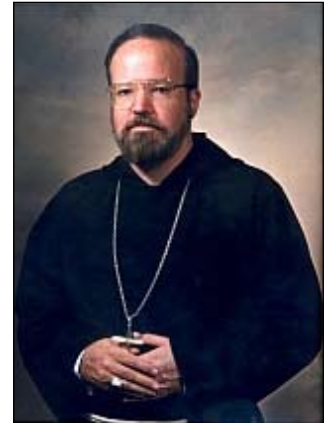




July 1, 2003 - Pope John Paul II has named Sean P. O'Malley O.F.M.Cap, Metropolitan Archbishop of Boston

Bishop Seán was born in Lakewood, Ohio, in 1944, the son of Theodore and the late Mary Louise (Reidy) O'Malley. He attended St. Gabriel and Sacred Heart Elementary Schools in Pennsylvania and St. Fidelis High School in Butler, Penn. He prepared for the priesthood at St. Fidelis Seminary, also in Butler, and at the Capuchin College in Washington, D.C. He was professed on July 14, 1965 in the Capuchin Order, a religious order dedicated to following in the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi. On August 29, 1970, he was ordained a priest of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. He then went on to earn a master's degree in religious education and a doctorate in Spanish and Portuguese Literature, both at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., where he taught from 1969 to 1973.



In 1973 he began serving as Executive Director of Centro Catolico Hispano in the Washington Archdiocese before being named Episcopal Vicar for the Hispanic, Portuguese and Haitian communities and Executive Director of the archdiocesan Office of Social Ministry in 1978.

He was ordained Coadjutor Bishop of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands in 1984 and the following year became ordinary of the Caribbean diocese upon the retirement of his predecessor. In June 1992 Pope John Paul II announced the appointment of Bishop Sean to the Diocese of Fall River.

Bishop Seán is an active member of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the United States Catholic Conference. In November 2000 he was elected by his brother bishops to serve as chairman of their Committee on Consecrated Life. Currently, he is also a member of two other committees that oversee aspects of their work: the Committee on Shrines and the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Throughout his years as bishop, he has served on the numerous others, including Missions (of which he was chairman), the Administrative Board, Priestly Formation, Hispanic Affairs, Migration, and the Church in Latin America as well as on the board of directors for Catholic Relief Services and the Association for the Development of the Catholic University of Portugal.

In 1998 he was appointed by the Holy Father to the Special Assembly for Oceania of the Synod of Bishops, which was held at the Vatican from November 22 to December 12. He has also served as Apostolic Visitor for several seminaries in Central America and the Caribbean.

On September 3, 2002, Bishop O'Malley was appointed Bishop of Palm Beach, Florida. Besides English, Bishop O'Malley speaks Spanish and Portuguese, and also knows German, Italian and French.

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