



**January 30, 2008 - Cardinal O'Malley Announces 3 Large Bicentennial Events to occur April 18-20  
Women's Conference, Men's Conference and Pilgrimage to the Papal Mass at  
Yankee Stadium**

**Brighton MA, January 30, 2008** - Cardinal Seán O'Malley announced today details of three Bicentennial events that will be celebrated just days after the Archdiocese's 200th anniversary on April 8, 2008.

On Friday April 18, the 3rd annual Boston Catholic Women's Conference will be held from 5:00 - 9:30pm at Boston College's Conte Forum. The Women's Conference attracted 4,100 women last year and hopes to draw more than 5,000 for this year's Bicentennial Conference.

On Saturday April 19, the 4th annual Boston Catholic Men's Conference will occur at Boston College. Like the women's conference, this event will likely top 5,000 attendees. It is the largest Catholic Men's Conference in the country and is typically the largest annual gathering of Catholics in the Archdiocese.

Finally on Sunday April 20 three thousand Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese will join Cardinal O'Malley in a pilgrimage to New York to participate in the Mass celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI at Yankee Stadium for the five dioceses observing their Bicentennial.

"I express my deep gratitude to Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, for his Apostolic Visit to the United States and to Cardinal Edward A. Egan, Archbishop of New York, for reserving 3,000 tickets for Catholics from the Archdiocese of Boston," stated Cardinal Seán. "It will be a privilege for me to concelebrate this special Mass and that so many of our Catholic faithful will be able to experience it firsthand."

Cardinal Sean has appointed Scot Landry, Archdiocesan Secretary for Advancement, as the Special Coordinator for this one-day pilgrimage to New York. The staff of Catholic Foundation will assist Mr. Landry with the ticket request process and volunteers from the Boston Catholic Men's and Women's Conferences will assist with the bus transportation to New York.

Tickets for the Papal Mass in Yankee Stadium must be requested by February 11, 2008 and can be applied for online at [www.Boston200.org](http://www.Boston200.org).

**About the 2008 Boston Catholic Men's and Women's Conferences**

The 3rd Annual Boston Catholic Women's Conference will be held on Friday April 18, 2008 from 5:00 - 9:30pm at Boston College's Conte Forum. Speakers will include Kimberly Hahn, Patti Mansfield, Stacy McGovern, and Cardinal Seán O'Malley.

The 4th Annual Boston Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday April 19, 2008 from 8:00am - 6:00 pm. Speakers will include Jack Shaughnessy, Sr., Rev. Peter Grover, OMV, Tarek Saab, Jesse Romero, and likely Eduardo Verastegui. Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal O'Malley.

For more information on these Conferences, please see [www.CatholicBoston.com](http://www.CatholicBoston.com) or call 617-977-0916.

**About the Apostolic Visitation of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States**

Pope Benedict XVI will make his first visit as the spiritual leader of the Catholic Church to the United States from April 15-20, 2008. The theme for this Apostolic Journey is "Christ Our Hope," which reflects the Holy Father's recent encyclical, *Spe Salvi* (On Christian Hope). The six-day trip will begin in Washington, D.C., and continue to New York City. The trip is historic, especially since the Holy Father will address the United Nations General Assembly, meet with





President George Bush and visit Ground Zero. There will be several public events during the visit, including Mass at Nationals Park in Washington and Yankee Stadium in New York. While on this visit to the United States Pope Benedict XVI will observe his 81st birthday (April 16) and the third anniversary of the beginning of his Pontificate (April 19). For more information and a complete itinerary, please visit [www.USPapalVisit.org](http://www.USPapalVisit.org).

### **About the Archdiocese of Boston**

*The Diocese of Boston was established on April 8, 1808 and was elevated to Archdiocese in 1875. Currently numbering approximately 2 million Catholics, the Archdiocese of Boston is an ethnically diverse and spiritually rich faith community consisting of 294 parishes across 144 cities and towns. Each year, the Archdiocese educates nearly 50,000 students in its Catholic schools and 156,000 in religious education classes, and ministers to the needs of more than one million patients in its hospitals and 200,000 individuals through its social service outreach. Mass is celebrated in nearly twenty different languages each week. For more information, please visit [www.rcab.org](http://www.rcab.org).*

### **About the Ticket Request Process for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Boston**

Catholic parishioners in the Archdiocese of Boston can request tickets to attend the Papal Mass in Yankee Stadium on April 20, 2008. All requests must be received by February 11, 2008 at 5:00pm.

Everyone is encouraged to submit the ticket request online at [www.Boston200.org](http://www.Boston200.org). Those without Internet access can call The Catholic Foundation for assistance at 617-779-3700.

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