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THE MOST REVEREND

WILLIAM PATRICK CALLAHAN, OFM Conv.

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 June 1950

PLACE OF BIRTH: Chicago, IL

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

1964-1968—Saint Mary Minor Seminary, Crystal Lake, IL (OFM Conv.)
1968-1969—Junior College, City of Chicago
1969-1970—Novitiate, Saint Bonaventure, Lake Forest, IL (OFM Conv.)
1970-1973—Loyola University, Chicago—Bachelor of Arts
MAJOR: Radio and Television Communications
MINOR: Philosophy and Psychology
1973-1976—University of Saint Michael's College, University of Toronto—Toronto
Ontario, Canada—Master of Divinity

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

1970—11 August—First Profession of Vows. Saint Bonaventure Novitiate, Lake Forest, Illinois—Conventual Franciscan Friars.
1973—11 August—Final (Solemn) Profession of Vows. Saint Bronislava Church (OFM Conv.) Chicago, Illinois.
1976—22 February—Ordination to the Diaconate. Saint Bonaventure Church (OFM Conv.) Don Mills, Ontario, Canada. Most Reverend Thomas Fulton, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto, ordaining Bishop.
1977—30 April—Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood. Basilica of Saint Josaphat (OFM Conv.) Milwaukee, Wisconsin, ordaining Archbishop, Most Reverend William E. Cousins, Archbishop of Milwaukee.
2007—21 December—Episcopal Ordination. Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist, Milwaukee, WI. Principal Consecrator, Most Reverend Timothy M. Dolan, Archbishop of Milwaukee, Co-consecrators: Most Reverend John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark, Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba, Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee.
2009—20 April—elected as Diocesan Administrator of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee
2010—11 June—named as Tenth Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse, Wisconsin

ASSIGNMENTS:

1977-1978—Associate Pastor, Basilica of Saint Josaphat Parish, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
1978-1984—Director for Vocations, Conventual Franciscans, Saint Bonaventure Province, Chicago, Illinois.
1984-1987—Associate Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Peoria, Illinois.
1987-1994—Pastor, Holy Family Parish, Peoria, Illinois.
1994-2005—Rector and Pastor, Basilica of Saint Josaphat Parish, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
2005-2007—Spiritual Director, Pontifical North American College, Vatican City State, Europe
2007-Present—Moderator of the Curia, Archdiocese of Milwaukee
2008-Present—USCCB Committee: Clergy, Consecrated Life, Vocations
2008-Present—Episcopal Moderator: Teens Encounter Christ
2009-1/4/2010—Administrator, Archdiocese of Milwaukee
6/11/2010—named Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse

ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS:

1987-2005—Member—Provincial Definitory, Province of Saint Bonaventure.
1994-2005—Member—Saint Josaphat Basilica Foundation.
2001-2002—Member—Committee for “Da Vinci: Splendor of Poland” Exhibition, Milwaukee Art Museum
2003-2005—Member—Priests’ Council, Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
2003-2005—Member—College of Consultors, Archdiocese of Milwaukee.
2003-2005—Chaplain—Physicians Guild—Catholic Medical Association, Milwaukee

INTERESTS AND HOBBIES:

Reading—Tolkein, Chesterton, Shakespeare, Ludlum, Clancy
Music—Mozart, almost anything Country, Evangelical Gospel, Neil Diamond, blues, jazz
Travel—Mostly Florida and Europe
Sports—NFL football