

Cardinal William Wakefield Baum
Major Penitentiary *Emeritus*



PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION

Born: November 21, 1926

Birthplace: Dallas, Texas

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Academic Degrees Earned:

- S.T.L., University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome
- S.T.D., University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Ordained to the priesthood on May 12, 1951 by Archbishop Edwin V. O'Hara for the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph

Bestowal of Papal Honors:

He was named a Papal Chamberlain with the title Monsignor in April 1961.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS

Appointed Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau on February 18, 1970
Ordained April 6, 1970

Subsequently appointed Archbishop of Washington on March 5, 1973
Installed May 8, 1973

CARDINALATIAL CREATION

Date of Consistory at which he was created Cardinal: May 24, 1976

Titular Church: Holy Cross on the Via Flaminia

Rank: Cardinal-Priest¹

VATICAN CURIAL MEMBERSHIPS

Congregation for Bishops

Congregation for the Oriental Churches

Congregation for Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life

Congregation for Evangelization of Peoples

VATICAN SERVICE

Peritus, Second Vatican Council (1962-1965)

Prefect, Congregation for Catholic Education (Seminaries and Institutes of Study), 1980-1990

Major Penitentiary, 1990-2001

¹ Canon 350, paragraph 1, states: "The College of Cardinals is divided into three ranks: the episcopal rank, which consists of both the cardinals to whom the Roman Pontiff assigns the title of a suburbicarian church and the oriental patriarchs who have become members of the college of cardinals; the presbyteral rank; and the diaconal rank."