

Cardinal Bernard Francis Law
Archpriest, Basilica of St. Mary Major



PERSONAL AND FAMILY INFORMATION

Born: November 4, 1931

Birthplace: Torreon, Mexico

Parents: Bernard A. Law and Helen Stubblefield Law

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Academic Degrees Earned:

- B.A., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Theologate:

- Pontifical College Josephinum, Worthington, OH

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1961, for the Diocese of Natchez-Jackson

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS

Appointed Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau on October 22, 1973
Ordained on December 5, 1973

Subsequently appointed Archbishop of Boston on January 24, 1984
Installed on March 23, 1984

CARDINALATIAL CREATION

Date of Consistory at which Pope John Paul II created him Cardinal: May 25, 1985

Titular Church: St. Susanna

Rank: Cardinal-Priest¹

VATICAN CURIAL MEMBERSHIPS

Congregation for Bishops

Congregation for Clergy

Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life

Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments

Congregation for Education

Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples

Congregation for the Oriental Churches

Pontifical Council for the Family

VATICAN SERVICE

Archpriest, Basilica of St. Mary Major, Rome, May 27, 2004-present

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."