

Bernardin Lecture 2012



Guest Speaker: Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory

Archbishop of the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta

His Excellency, Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory served as the assistant to Cardinal Bernardin for many years. He was appointed as the sixth archbishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta by Pope John Paul II, on Dec. 9, 2004. Archbishop Gregory has contributed a leading role in the U.S. church.

Archbishop Gregory has written and spoken frequently in recent years on the subject of the sanctity of life, and has held masses for the unborn. He has also written on immigration, and religious freedom and in 2008 spoke at the Emory Law School Decalogue Lecture series on "The Catholic Church and the Death Penalty". In 2009 he issued a joint statement with the American Jewish Committee in

support of the Vatican's demand that Bishop Richard Williamson "absolutely, unequivocally and publicly distance himself" from his advocacy of Holocaust denial.

To read the text of the talk see his [Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Lecture](#). For further information with links to his writings and blog see the [Archdiocese of Atlanta website](#).

Monday, November 5, 2012

Lecture: 6:00 pm, USC Law School Auditorium

Topic: "Joseph Louis Bernardin: *A Model for Civility in Public Discourse*"

Symposium: 3:30 pm, Russell House Theatre

Topic: "Civility, Democracy & Religion"

Panelists

Hal French, Religious Studies

Jeremiah Hackett, Philosophy

Jerald Wallulis, Philosophy

Brad Warthen, Journalist

Emanuel Andiram, Priest





Dr. Mitchem, Chair of Religious Studies and of the Bernardin Committee, opened the lecture. President Pastides welcomed all to the lecture and Dean Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, introduced Archbishop Gregory.



Archbishop Gregory spoke eloquently on the life and message of the late Cardinal Bernardin who he first met during his first year of doctoral studies in Rome. Cardinal Bernardin was the then President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and Wilton Gregory a young graduate student who went up to speak to the Cardinal at the reception for the Cardinal to discuss his ideas about programs the US Conference of Bishops should initiate. With that opening story of Cardinal Bernardin's gracious reception of a bold young student, Archbishop Gregory went on to paint a vivid portrait of Cardinal Bernardin's life, vision, and manner of living. ([see full text](#))



After the lecture the audience talked with the speaker, and with Bernardin Committee members.



President Harris Pastides has a quiet talk with Archbishop Wilton Gregory.



Sam Tenenbaum, Dean Mary Ann Fitzpatrick and Archbishop Gregory pause in their conversation for a photo.



Archbishop Wilton Gregory, the Honorable Jean Toal , President Harris Pastides.



Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Patricia Moore-Pastides (Bernardin Committee), Jerry Hackett (Bernardin Committee & Professor of Philosophy); former President John Palms in the background.