



His Eminence Joseph William Cardinal Tobin, C. Ss.R.

Sixth Archbishop of Newark, was born in Detroit Michigan, on May 3, 1952 to Marie Terese Kerwin and the late Joseph W. Tobin. He is the oldest of thirteen children.

Joseph Tobin attended Holy Redeemer Elementary School in Detroit, and then graduated from St. Joseph's Preparatory College, Edgerton, Wisconsin 1970. He continued his education at Holy Redeemer College, Waterford, Wisconsin, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy in 1975. He attended Mount Saint Alphonsus Seminary in Esopus, New York, where he earned the degrees of Master in Religious Education (1977) and Master of divinity in Pastoral Theology (1979).

Joseph Tobin made his temporary profession of religious vows as a member of the congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) and perpetual vows on August 21, 1976. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 1, 1978. Between 1979 and 1984, Father Tobin served as Associate Pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish, Detroit, where he engaged in both pastoral ministry to the Latino community and youth ministry. In 1984, he was named pastor of Holy Redeemer Parish. He also served in a number of diocesan assignments within the diocese of Detroit, including Episcopal Vicar, member of the Presbyteral Council, and an official in the Metropolitan Tribunal.

From 1990 until 1991, he served as pastor of St. Alphonsus Parish in Chicago, Illinois, a parish staffed by the Redemptorists.

Within the Redemptorist Community, Father Tobin served as a Provincial Consultor from 1984 until 1990, as General Consultor of the community in Rome from 1991 until 1997, and as Superior General of the Redemptorists in Rome from 1997 until 2009.

On August 9, 2010, His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, named Father Tobin Secretary of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life (CICLSA) and titular Archbishop of Obba. He was ordained to the episcopacy on October 9, 2010, in St. Peter's Basilica, Rome. He was appointed by the Pope to five Synods of Bishops in 1998, 1999, 2001, 2005, and 2008. He has been a member of the Canon Law Society of America since 1985. He speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese and reads several other languages.

Appointed Archbishop of Indianapolis by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI, on October 18, 2012, he was installed on December 3, 2012, at Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral, Indianapolis.

On October 9, 2016, His Holiness, Pope Francis, announced that Archbishop Tobin would be made a cardinal in a papal consistory on November 19, 2016. On that day became a Cardinal Priest and assigned the titular church of Santa Maria delle Grazie al Trionfale. On November 7, 2016, Pope Francis appointed Cardinal Tobin Archbishop of Newark.

Cardinal Tobin was installed as the (eleventh bishop and) sixth Archbishop of Newark on January 6, 2017 in the metropolitan Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.



Symbols/Images on Cardinal Tobin's Coat of Arms

The coat of arms of our new Archbishop is a combination of his personal coat of arms and the coat of arms of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Cardinal Tobin is represented on the right side of the shield, in 3 different sections. The **cross between the perch with the sponge and spear and the mount** represent the events at Golgotha. The **green** represents the hope and virtue in our pilgrimage towards salvation, which comes from the coat of arms of the Redemptorists Congregation, to which Cardinal Tobin belongs

The **oak leaves** come from the crest of the Tobin family. Oak is a symbol of strength. The **blue** field represents the separation of worldly values and the ascent of the soul towards God. Finally the **fleur de lis** is a classical symbol of the iconography of St. Joseph (Cardinal Tobin's patron saint) and the **red** field symbolizes the love of God who sent his only Son to shed his blood for us.

Cardinal Tobin's motto "Gaudete in Domino" translates as "Rejoice in the Lord" from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

The left side of the shield represents the Archdiocese of Newark. It is based on the coat of arms of Newark in Nottinghamshire, England, to reflect the origins of the city. The upper portion of the left side has a **crescent** between two **trefoils**. The crescent honors the Blessed Mother as patroness of the Archdiocese. The trefoils (shamrocks) honor St. Patrick with the red background signifying the blood of Christ's Sacred Heart, the

name of the Cathedral Basilica. The **blue waves** represent rivers or bodies of water, as Newark is a port city and many rivers flow through the Archdiocese as a whole.

Around the outside there is the "pontifical hat" with 15 tassels on each side, indicative of Cardinal Tobin's rank as a member of the College of Cardinals and the archiepiscopal cross with two bars, showing his status as the archbishop. The pallium is seen along the bottom, with the small black crosses, symbolic of his authority as a Metropolitan Archbishop as well as his communion with the Holy Father.