

# Archbishop Designee William E. Lori

## Recipient of the 2012 John Winthrop Wright



The Ethics in Action Award honors a Connecticut leader who has authentically demonstrated ethical business or leadership practices.



Archbishop Designate William E. Lori receives the John Winthrop Wright *Ethics in Action* award on May 2, 2012 in New Haven, CT.

**The Most Reverend William Edward Lori, Bishop of Bridgeport**, was presented with the John Winthrop Wright *Ethics in Action* award on Wednesday, May 2 in New Haven. About 110 participants in SEE's Character Celebration witnessed the presentation following the recognition of SEE's **Laws of Life** top ten essay writers. SEE's trustees recognized Bishop Lori for his commitment to ethical leadership in his personal as well as ministerial life. The Bishop's leadership qualities have led to his recent selection for two national leadership roles in the Catholic Church and his appointment as Archbishop of Baltimore.

Bishop Lori reflected on some of the lessons he has learned prior to his upcoming move back to Maryland within his acceptance keynote. He highlighted the importance of balance truth and love whenever one was applying ethical principles. Click on the active link to the Bishop's **keynote** to read his entire presentation.

Bishop Lori was installed as the Fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Bridgeport, CT, on March 19, 2001. Since 2005, he has also served as Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus, where he has the responsibility of overseeing the spiritual welfare of the Knights 1.8 million members and their families. On September 29 2011, New York Archbishop Timothy M. Dolan, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) named Bishop William E. Lori to chair a new Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty to address growing concerns over the erosion of freedom of religion in America.

Born in Louisville, KY, in 1951, Bishop Lori obtained a Bachelor's Degree from the Seminary of Saint Pius X in Erlanger, KY, in 1973, and a Master's Degree from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, in 1977. In 1982, Bishop Lori received his Doctorate in Sacred Theology (S.T.D.) from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.



Archbishop Designate William E. Lori during his keynote address at SEE's sixth-annual Character Celebration.

Bishop Lori was ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Washington by His Eminence William Cardinal Baum in 1977 in Saint Matthew Cathedral in Washington, DC. His first assignment was as Associate Pastor of Saint Joseph Parish in Landover, MD. Thereafter, he served as Secretary to James Cardinal Hickey, Chancellor, Moderator of the Curia, and Vicar General.

In 1995, Bishop Lori was ordained to the episcopate as Auxiliary Bishop of Washington. Bishop Lori is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT, and past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He is also a member of the Mt. St. Mary University Board. Bishop Lori is the former Chairman and current member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine, a member of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, and the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for the Defense of Marriage.

In 2002, in recognition of his role as an emerging leader on the Church's response to the sexual misconduct crisis, Bishop Lori was appointed to the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse. He was instrumental in drafting the landmark Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. As one of four U.S. bishops on a special Mixed Commission, Bishop Lori journeyed to the Vatican to seek approval for the "Essential Norms" of the Charter, which is now particular law for the Catholic Church in the United States to ensure that no one who works for the Catholic Church will ever pose a threat of any kind to any person, young or old.

As Bishop of Bridgeport, Bishop Lori has launched new initiatives in support of Catholic Education, Vocations, Catholic Charities, Pastoral Services, and other ministries, while improving Financial Stewardship. He has also worked collaboratively with the laity to increase participation and foster lay leadership throughout the Diocese.

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