

# **Fifty years of faithful service: Celebrating the golden anniversary to the priesthood of Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien**



**His Eminence Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien**

## **Fifty years of blessings:**

Today marks a joyous celebration as we honor the anniversary of our much-loved Archbishop Emeritus, who was ordained to the priesthood on this date (May 29) in 1965.

Father Edwin Frederick O'Brien was just 26 years old when he was ordained by the late Cardinal Francis Spellman (1889-1967), who served as the sixth Archbishop of New York from 1939 until his death in 1967.

Last October, I dedicated a pictorial tribute to Cardinal O'Brien's service to our archdiocese as we recalled his installation as fifteenth Archbishop of Baltimore seven years before on October 1, 2007.

As we mark today's anniversary with our prayers of gratitude and well wishes, take a few minutes to enjoy the thirty photographs that call to mind many of the highlights during His Eminence's four years as our shepherd here in Baltimore, his elevation to the College of Cardinals in 2012, and his appointment by Pope Benedict XVI as the Grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.



**"Celebrating the heroic ministry of Cardinal Edwin F. O'Brien in Baltimore  
and beyond"**

By Patti Murphy Dohn

*"Archbishop Edwin Frederick O'Brien became the fifteenth Archbishop of Baltimore  
on Oct. 1, 2007.*

*In the five years that he served as the shepherd of our Premier See and the last two*

*years as our Archbishop Emeritus, now-Cardinal O'Brien has shared some of the most poignant moments of local Church history with us, as well as the recent changes that have impacted the entire Church in our era. Today... we honor the ministry and continued legacy of Cardinal O'Brien."*  
Continue reading the rest of our tribute to Cardinal O'Brien with 30 color photographs [here](#).

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***Blessed anniversary, Your Eminence!!***