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Statement from Archbishop José H. Gomez concerning the naming of the new cardinals by the Pope.

It is a day for celebration for the Catholic Church as Pope Benedict XVI has named twenty-three new cardinals, including 2 from the United States. We especially send our prayers and congratulations to Archbishop Daniel DiNardo of the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese. He will be the first cardinal from the state of Texas to serve the Church. His integrity and unselfish service to God's people has been a blessing. I look forward to continuing to work with him on issues important to the life of the Church in Texas.

I also want to congratulate Archbishop John Patrick Foley, Grand-Master of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, who was elevated to Cardinal by the Pope as well. As the former head of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, his work with the media was a great service in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I ask everyone to pray for all of the new cardinals as they are honored by the Pope in this special way.

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