

# ***Bishop Thomas J. Gumbleton***

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**Birth Date:** January 26, 1930 – Detroit, Michigan

## **Education**

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Epiphany Elementary School, Detroit	
Sacred Heart Seminary High School	
Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit	1952 - Bachelor of Arts
St. John's Provincial Seminary, Plymouth	1956 - Master of Divinity
Pontifical Lateran University, Rome	1964 - Doctor of Canon Law

## **Ministry**

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Ordained to the Priesthood	June 2, 1956
Associate Pastor - St. Alphonsus, Dearborn	1956-60
Assistant Chancellor	1960-65
Vice Chancellor	1965-68
Vicar General for Archdiocese of Detroit	1968-2006
Named Bishop	March 4, 1968
Pastor: Holy Ghost, Detroit	1967-68
Pastor: St. Aloysius, Detroit	1973-77
Pastor: St. Leo, Detroit	1983-2007

## **Related Activities**

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**Member** of the Bishops' Committees that drafted the pastoral letter, "Challenge of Peace" (1983); Initiated pastoral letter "Always Our Children" (1997)

**President** of Bread for the World (1976-84), Board Member (1974-88)

**Founding President** of Pax Christi, USA (1972-91)

**Co-Founder** of Michigan Coalition for Human Rights (1980)

**Founder & Co-chair** of Catholic Caucus of Southeast Michigan (1991-present)

### **Active Board/Advisory Board Member**

Core City Neighborhoods; New Steps; Francis House (Tampa, FL); Colombia Support Network; Lambi Fund of Haiti; M.K. Gandhi Institute for Non-violence; U.S. El Salvador Institute; Interfaith Committee on Worker Issues; Southwest Community Mental Health Coalition; Francis House (Detroit, MI); Damien Ministries; Choose Peace; Fellowship of Reconciliation; National Agenda for Peace in El Salvador; Witness for Peace; Nicaragua-U.S. Friendship Office; Nevada Desert Experience; International Standing Committee on Disarmament and Security, World Conference on Religion and Peace (Office of the Secretary General of the UN); Michigan Peace Team; Cranbrook Peace Foundation; Global Education Institute; Michigan Interfaith Alliance; Shepherd House; Pax World; Going Home Campaign; Marin Interfaith Task Force; Quest for Peace; Team for Justice; Michigan Coalition for Human Rights; Korean Truth Commission; Committee to Free Lori Berenson; Search for Justice and Equality in Palestine/Israel; Aristide Foundation; Peacekeeper Action Network, PA; ACLU of MI; Southeast MI Workers' Rights; Peacekeepers Action Network, PA; Voices of the Faithful; Inter-ecclesial Commission of Peace and Justice (Bogotá, Colombia); Inter-faith Committee for Justice (Renaissance

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Unity); Citizen Works; CLASA; Int'l Legal Advisory Board Korea Truth Commission, Honorary member of NPO's (Hiroshima & Nagasaki Peace Projects) Board of Directors, Ethics Commission of Justicia y Paz (Bogota, Colombia); Friends of Sabeel North America

### **Member:**

SHARE; New Ways Ministry; Triangle Foundation; Detroit Catholic Pastoral Alliance; Religious Leaders for Justice at the Detroit Newspapers; Call to Action; Institute for Public Accuracy; Pastors for Peace; Call to Action MI

### **Honorary Degrees**

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Seton Hall Law School (New Jersey)	Anna Maria College (Paxton, MA)
Marygrove College (Detroit)	St. Joseph's College (Philadelphia, PA)
Aquinas College (Grand Rapids, MI)	St. Edward's University (Austin)
Ohio Dominican University (Columbus, OH)	St. Norbert College (Du Pere, WI)

### **Travels**

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***Vietnam*** – to investigate the situation of political prisoners, delegate for Reconciliation Visit (1973, 1989)

***Iran*** – as a NCCB representative to visit with American hostages (1979)

***Nicaragua*** – Quixote Center delegation to support pastoral ministers (1986), National Labor Committee delegation (2000), with Father Miguel D'Escota (Apr. 2005)

***El Salvador*** – delegation to accompany/support refugees returning from Honduras, member of emergency team, participation in Detroit Sister Community delegations (14 Trips between 1987-2007)

***Hiroshima, Japan*** – delegate and speaker to Ninth World Congress of the Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (1989)

***Mexico Cit, Mexico*** – member of delegation to promote the peace negotiations in El Salvador (1991)

***Kazakhstan (formerly of the Soviet Union)*** - delegate to International Citizens Congress for a Nuclear Test Ban (1990)

***Baghdad, Iraq*** – Member of “Coming Home” delegation for the release of American hostages (1990)

***Amman, Jordan*** – Delegate to Conference of the International Peace Movement for the End to the Gulf War (1991), 2007

***Syria*** – 2007

***Camp Le Jeune, NC*** – Expert witness in court martial of conscientious objectors (1991)

***Fort Leonard Wood, MO*** – Expert witness for conscientious objectors (1991)

***Toronto, Canada*** – Expert witness for trial (2000)

***Honduras*** – Delegation work (mid 1980's through 1990's)

***Guatemala*** – Member of the Multi-party Commission for the Population of Resistance (1991, 1995)

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**Haiti** – Member of Pax Christi delegation on fact-finding mission (1992; 1993) and (Sept. 2004, Nov. 2004, Dec. 2004, Feb. 2005, Aug. 2005, Nov. 2005, Jan. 2006), May 2006, Nov. 2006, Jun. 2007, Jul., 2007, Feb., 2008. Additional delegations & visits (1991-present)

**Chiapas, Mexico** – Borderlinks delegation (1998)

**Iraq** – Voices in the Wilderness delegation (1997), International Action Center delegation (1998), International Action Center for Symposium on Human Rights (1998), Michigan Delegation (1999), Accompaniment journey (2001), VitW & Families for Peaceful Tomorrows (2003), Fact-finding Delegation (2004)

**Peru** – Humanitarian missions (1999, 2001, 2002)

**Venezuela** – 2006

**Colombia** – Colombia Support Network (2000, Jan. 2001, Dec. 2001, Dec. 2003, July Conference, 2004)

**United Arab Emirates** – 2002

**Afghanistan** – Global Exchange Delegation with Families for Peaceful Tomorrows (2002)

**Boston, MA** – Expert Witness testifying for conscientious objector, Camilo Mejia (Mar. 2004)

**Dublin, Ireland** – 2001, Expert witness testifying for Catholic Worker Activists (Mar. 2005)

**Zugliano (Udine) Italy** – Centro Balducci Annual Conference (Sep. 2005)

**Germany** – 2001, Stralsund event (Jul. 2006)

**Austria** – 1987, 2003, 2005, Sep. 2007, Oct. 2007 (Beatification of Franz Jaegerstaetter)

**Cuba** – Witness For Peace Delegation (Apr. 2005)

**Palestine** – Fact-finding mission (March 2008)

### **Additional Accomplishments**

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Often serves as expert witness; endorses significant causes; participated in actions of civil disobedience; has done fasts & prayer vigils; appeared on television, radio, & documentary programs; has countless national & International speaking engagements; written & published numerous articles, reports, & book reviews as well as recorded audiocassettes.

***Bishop Against Bombs*** – Documentary filmed in Washington, D.C., Detroit Area and St. Radagund Austria. (Mar. 2003)

His Sunday homilies appear on the website of the *National Catholic Reporter*: <http://www.natcath.org> at “*The Peace Pulpit*.”

### **Awards**

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<b>Isaac Hecker Peacemaker</b>	Boston, MA (1975)
<b>Metro Detroit Council of Churches</b>	Detroit, MI (1976)
<b>Pacem in Terris</b>	Davenport, IA (1979)
<b>Public Citizen of the Year</b>	Natl. Assoc. of Social Workers (1980)

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<b>Institute for Peace and Justice</b>	St. Louis, MO (1981)
<b>Justice and Peace Medal</b>	St. Bonaventure University, NY (1981)
<b>Jewish National Fund</b>	Trees for Israel (1981)
<b>American Personnel &amp; Guidance Assoc.</b>	St. Louis, MO (1981)
<b>MI International Citizen</b>	Detroit, MI (1981)
Michigan International Council	
<b>Testimonial Resolution</b>	Detroit, MI (1983)
Detroit City Council	
<b>The Compostela Award</b>	Brooklyn, NY (1986)
St. James Cathedral Basilica	
<b>Life Achievement Award</b>	Orange Co., CA (1987)
Interfaith Peace Ministry	
<b>Groundwork Discipleship Award</b>	Detroit, MI (1989)
<b>The Institute for International Peace</b>	University of Notre Dame (1990)
<b>Palestine Aid Society</b>	New York, NY (1990)
<b>University of Notre Dame Peacemaker</b>	Notre Dame, IN (1991)
<b>Pope Paul VI Teacher of Peace</b>	Omaha, NE (1991)
Pax Christi USA	
<b>Pax Christi MI Purple Ribbon Award</b>	Michigan (1992)
<b>Pax Christi Ambassador of Peace</b>	Erie, PA (1992)
<b>Joseph C. Wilson Award</b>	Rochester, NY (1992)
Xerox Corp.	
<b>Pax Christi N.Y. Peacemaker Award</b>	New York, NY (1992)
<b>Certificate of Appreciation</b>	Detroit, MI (1992)
Dignity Detroit	
<b>Honorary Chaplaincy Aids Award</b>	Windsor, Ontario, Canada (1994)
<b>MI Association for Bilingual Education</b>	Ypsilanti, MI (1994)
<b>Outstanding Service &amp; Witness Award</b>	DC (1995)
Dignity/USA	
<b>Bridge Building Award</b>	Washington, DC (1995)
New Ways Ministry	
<b>Lifelong Honorary membership</b>	Belgium (1995)
In Pax Christi International	
<b>Call to Action Leadership Award</b>	Chicago, IL (1995)
<b>San Damiano</b>	Livonia, MI (1996)
Madonna U. Press Symposium	
<b>National Peace Foundation Award of</b>	Washington, DC (1997)
Peacemaker/Peacebuilder	
<b>The Francis House Award</b>	Tampa, FL (1997)
<b>Spirit of Detroit Award</b>	Detroit, MI (1998)
<b>Alliance for Nuclear Accountability</b>	Washington, DC (1998)
<b>Bishop Dozier Peace &amp; Justice Award</b>	Memphis, TN (1998)
Christian Brothers University	
<b>Humanitarian Award</b> , MI Coalition for	Detroit, MI (1998)
Human Rights	
<b>1998 PHD Award</b> , Harambee, Core	Detroit, MI (1998)
City Neighborhoods	
<b>1999 Peacemaking Award</b>	Omaha, NE (1999)
Nebraskans for Peace	
<b>1999 Washington Theological Union</b>	Washington, DC (1999)
Distinguished Service Award	

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<b>Prophets of Peace Award</b> Benedictine Sisters of Erie	Erie, PA (2000)
<b>Faithful Revolutionary Award</b> St. James Justice Action Ministry	Johnson City, NY (2000)
<b>Civic &amp; Humanitarian Award</b> Arab-American & Chaldean Council	Detroit, MI (2000)
<b>Lou Kousin Award</b> New Jersey Peace Action	New Jersey (2001)
<b>Humanitarian Service Award</b> LIFE for Relief & Development	Southfield, MI (2001)
<b>Lifetime Achievement Peacebuilder Award</b> Peace Action of Michigan	Ferndale, MI (2002)
<b>Lifetime Achievement in Peacemaking</b> University of Missouri	Missouri (2002)
<b>Dignity USA</b>	Washington, DC (2003)
<b>Sadako Peace Citation</b> Disarmament and Economic Conversion Committee of Sisters & Co-members of the Loretto Community	Oak Ridge, TN (2003)
<b>Reconciler Award</b> National Franciscan Federation	Detroit, MI (2003)
<b>Theresa Maxis Award for Social Justice</b> Marygrove College National Franciscan Federation	Detroit, MI (2003)
<b>Philip A. Hart Award</b> Michigan Women's Hall of Fame	Lansing, MI (2003)
<b>Community Peace Maker Award</b> Wayne State University	Detroit, MI (2003)
<b>2005 Global Peace Award</b>	Detroit, MI (2005)
<b>Drum Major for Justice</b> Rainbow PUSH Coalition Annual Conference	Chicago, IL (2005)
<b>The Elephants in the Living Room Award</b>	Detroit, MI (2006)
<b>Award of Appreciation</b> PFLAG Detroit-Downriver	Detroit, MI (2006)
<b>2007 MLK Spirit of Detroit Award</b>	Detroit, MI (2007)
<b>2007 Abolition Award</b> Death Penalty Focus	Beverly Hills (2007)
<b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b> Catholic Pastoral Committee on Sexual Minorities, Call To Action Minnesota, Dignity/Twin Cities, Justice Commission of Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, Inclusive Catholics, Twin Cities Peace Campaign, Pax Christi Twin Cities, & SNAP	Minnesota (2007)
<b>Pope John XXIII Open Window</b> Call To Action, Elephants in the Living Room, Voice of the Faithful, Pax Christi MI	Detroit, MI (2007)

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\* Bishop Gumbleton's papers are preserved in the Archives of Notre Dame University,  
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