

THE EPISCOPATE OF BISHOP GUMBLETON

Bishop Thomas John Gumbleton

Born: January 26, 1930 in Detroit.

Ordained a Detroit priest: June 2, 1956

Appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit and Titular Bishop of Ululi: March 8, 1968

Ordained Auxiliary Bishop of Detroit: May 1, 1968

[Retired: January 21, 2006](#)

Bishop

Bishops are named by the pope and by way of special ordination receive what the Church calls “the fullness of the priesthood.” With regard to the power of jurisdiction, there are two types: the diocesan bishop and the titular, or auxiliary, bishop.

Auxiliary

An auxiliary bishop is an assistant to the arch/bishop of the diocese to which they are assigned. Generally, their responsibilities are defined by the bishop. Auxiliary bishops are assigned “Titular” Sees, which are historical dioceses that are no longer in existence.

Titular Bishop

Every bishop is assigned a diocese. Bishops who are not the ordinary (chief shepherd) of a diocese are assigned a “Titular See,” which is a historical diocese no longer in existence.

Titular See

Bishop Gumbleton was assigned the Titular See of Ululi in northern Africa.

Detroit Bishops

[Bishop Gumbleton](#) was the 9th auxiliary bishop ordained for the Detroit archdiocese since its establishment in 1833. (Ordained in November, 2006, [Bishop Flores](#) was the 25th. [Cardinal Maida](#) is the 9th diocesan bishop. Detroit was [named an archdiocese](#) in 1937.)

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