

# 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-present
Named Bishop	March 4, 1968
Pastor: Holy Ghost, Detroit	1967-68
Pastor: St. Aloysius, Detroit	1973-77
Pastor: St. Leo, Detroit	1983-present

## 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); 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 Unity); Citizen Works; CLASA; Int'l Legal Advisory Board Korea Truth Commission, Honorary member of NPO's (Hiroshima & Nagasaki Peace Projects) Board of Directors

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## 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)

*El Salvador* - delegation to accompany/support refugees returning from Honduras; member of emergency team; participation in Detroit Sister Community delegations (12 Trips between 1987-2000)

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

*Mexico City* - 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)

*Camp LeJeune (Florida)* - Expert witness in court martial of conscientious objectors (1991)

*Fort Leonard Wood (Missouri)* - Expert witness for conscientious objector (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)

*Haiti* - Member of Pax Christi delegation on fact-finding mission (1992; 1993), 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)

*Peru* - Humanitarian missions (1999; 2001)

*Nicaragua* - National Labor Committee delegation (2000)

*Colombia* - Colombia Support Network (2000; 2001)

*Afghanistan* - Global Exchange Delegation with Families for Peaceful Tomorrows

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## 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. (March 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)
<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>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>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)

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Madonna U. Press Symposium

<b>National Peace Foundation Award of</b> Peacemaker/Peacebuilder	Washington, DC (1997)
<b>The Francis House Award</b>	Tampa, FL (1997)
<b>Alliance for Nuclear Accountability</b>	Washington, DC (1998)
<b>Bishop Dozier Peace &amp; Justice Award</b> Christian Brothers University	Memphis, TN (1998)
<b>Humanitarian Award</b> , MI Coalition for Human Rights	Detroit, MI (1998)
<b>1998 PHD Award</b> , Harambee, Core City Neighborhoods	Detroit, MI (1998)
<b>1999 Peacemaking Award</b> Nebraskans for Peace	Omaha, NE (1999)
<b>1999 Washington Theological Union</b> Distinguished Service Award	Washington, DC (1999)
<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>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)

\* Bishop Gumbleton's papers are preserved in the Archives of Notre Dame University,  
607 Memorial Library, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556.

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