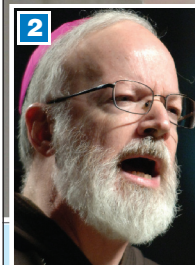


Pope Benedict's first appointments

Pope Benedict XVI is to elevate 15 clerics representing 11 countries to the College of Cardinals. Of those receiving red hats, or birettas, 12 are under the age of 80 and thus eligible to vote in a papal conclave. The appointments raise the overall number of cardinals to 193



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1 William Joseph Levada, 69: Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith – second most powerful Roman Catholic prelate. Played key role in church's efforts to eliminate priestly sexual abuse in United States. As Archbishop of San Francisco he opposed city's issue of same-sex marriage licenses

2 Sean Patrick O'Malley, 66: Appointed as Archbishop of Boston in 2003 to manage aftermath of clergy sexual abuse crisis and closing of dozens of local parishes

3 Joseph Zen Ze-kium, 74: As Bishop of Hong Kong has been a thorn in Beijing's side over freedom of belief. Many Chinese see appointment as a challenge to government

4 Stanislaw Dziwisz, 66: Archbishop of Krakow and *Pope John Paul II's* closest aid

Franc Rode, 71: Prefect for *Consecrated & Apostolic Life* – head of office that oversees religious orders

Agostino Vallini, 65: Prefect of the *Apostolic Signatura* – ensures justice in the Church is correctly administered

Archbishops – Jorge Urosa Savino, 63: Caracas, Venezuela

Gaudencio Rosales, 73: Manila, Philippines

Jean-Pierre Ricard, 61: Bordeaux, France

Antonio Canizares Llovera, 60: Toledo, Spain

Nicholas Cheong Jin-suk, 74: Seoul, Korea

Carlo Caffarra, 67: Bologna, Italy

Elevated for exemplary faithfulness:
Andrea Cordero Lanza di Montezemolo, 80
Peter Poreku Dery, 88
Father Albert Vanhoye, S.J., 82