

## His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan to Host Special Retrospective on His SIRIUS XM Radio Show on April 2

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NEW YORK, March 31, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Cardinal Egan will retire as Archbishop of New York in mid-April

'A Conversation with the Cardinal' has aired weekly on The Catholic Channel since 2006; Final show coincides with the Cardinal's 77th birthday

SIRIUS XM Radio (Nasdaq: SIRI) announced today that His Eminence Edward Cardinal Egan, who will retire as Archbishop of New York in mid-April, will host his final episode of the weekly Catholic Channel talk show, A Conversation with the Cardinal, on Thursday, April 2, from SIRIUS XM Radio's New York City studios. The show will air live nationwide from 3:00 - 4:00 pm ET exclusively on The Catholic Channel, SIRIUS channel 159 and XM channel 117.

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On his final show Cardinal Egan, who coincidentally celebrates his 77th birthday on April 2, will look back at his nine years as Archbishop of New York, talk about future plans and recall some of the highlights of his groundbreaking career. He has hosted A Conversation with the Cardinal since December 2006, with Catholic Channel program director Rob Astorino. Each week the Cardinal answered listener e-mails, discussed a variety of topics and addressed what is happening in the Archdiocese of New York and other significant issues in the Church.

"Appearing each week on The Catholic Channel for A Conversation with the Cardinal has not only been a splendid way to talk directly with people all across North America, but it has also been a great deal of fun," states Cardinal Egan. "I'm grateful to the audience who have listened and asked so many interesting questions. Their comments and their support were tremendously inspiring and I will miss having the opportunity to be with them each week."

Since its inception and launch in 2006, Cardinal Egan has been involved in building and developing The Catholic Channel on SIRIUS XM Radio. He recognized the channel as an unprecedented opportunity for the Church to utilize the modern medium of satellite radio to communicate directly with the Catholic faithful as well as anyone of any religious faith. The Catholic Channel has become a contemporary method for the Catholic Church to deliver its message and teaching on a daily basis to people around the country as well as a forum for those listeners to call in and be a part of the dialogue.

The following letter, written by a longtime listener, was sent to Cardinal Egan shortly after the announcement of his retirement and demonstrates the impact his program has had on his listeners:

Your Eminence Cardinal Egan,

I am a convert to the Catholic Church. I will celebrate my 12th anniversary as a Catholic this coming Easter Vigil. My parents, both of them, are ordained clergy in the Evangelical Friends Church (Quaker).

Several weeks ago, you were talking about 1 Corinthians 11:23-29 and you said, "Now, after you read this, if there is any way you can doubt the Catholic understanding of the Real Presence, then I don't know what will convince you." And you went on to teach for about 15 minutes on this passage and what it means. I was...floored, because here was a clear and concise "Scriptural" (the only Authority my dad would recognize) explanation of the Blessed Sacrament. I wasn't sure my dad was listening but I found out later that he was.

A couple of days ago we were going somewhere and dad said, "You know, I really like the show with that Cardinal guy. He is such a good teacher and communicator of the Bible." He went on for a couple of minutes and then he said, "What the Cardinal said about the Catholic understanding of the Eucharist, that was pretty clear and very convincing." I was floored. My dad is a

good Quaker, and they have no sacramental theology whatsoever. So, needless to say, this was and is a big deal.

Not long afterwards the announcement of your retirement and the appointment of Archbishop Dolan was announced. My dad told me over and over how sad he was because he really has come to enjoy your frank and open discussion of Scripture, theology and Church history. He has continued listening on his own, even though I am not driving him anymore, as through physical therapy his neck is much better.

I cannot thank you enough, Your Eminence, for the witness of authentic Catholic Christianity you have been to my father through the Catholic Channel. I will be forever grateful and pray for you to have a blessed and productive retirement.

Produced by the Archdiocese of New York and SIRIUS XM, The Catholic Channel is designed to entertain people of all ages with a refreshingly unexpected approach to discussing matters of faith and spirituality. Daily programming features fun and engaging talk between hosts and listeners and aims to educate, enlighten and inspire an audience that includes everyone from young adults to parents to seniors, devout Catholics and those trying to reconnect with their faith. Listeners get interviews with distinguished clergy from around the globe, newsmakers and celebrities from the worlds of entertainment, music and sports, programming from the Vatican and live coverage of major events like His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI's 2008 Papal Visit to America.

Available nationally, The Catholic Channel airs live seven days a week, 365 days a year exclusively on SIRIUS channel 159 and XM channel 117 and is also available through the Internet on SIRIUS Internet Radio and XM Radio Online. The exclusive daily programming lineup features shows hosted by Gus Lloyd, Greg and Jennifer Willits, Bob Dunning, "The Catholic Guy" Lino Rulli, Fr. Dave Dwyer, Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak and others, plus live daily Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City and football and basketball games from the University of Notre Dame. For more info please visit [www.sirius.com/thecatholicchannel](http://www.sirius.com/thecatholicchannel).

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