



## BISHOP GERALD WALSH

Gerald Walsh is a native Manhattanite, born to first generation Irish parents on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 1942. He grew up in Good Shepherd Parish, Inwood, and from there he took the “A” train to Columbus Circle to attend Power Memorial Academy from 1955 to 1959. Through these formative years, the ever present support of his parents, the religious training of the Irish Christian Brothers, and the many liturgical experiences at Saint Paul the Apostle Church, all nourished his blossoming vocation to the priesthood.

Like so many Power graduates, Gerry Walsh made the daily trek to New Rochelle to attend Iona College, which was also conducted by the Irish Christian Brothers. It was there he met Brother John Daly, who also impacted Gerry’s vocation. At the end of his sophomore year, he entered St. Joseph’s Seminary in Dunwoodie, Yonkers, New York. He was ordained to the priesthood at St. Patrick’s Cathedral on May 27<sup>th</sup> 1967.

Over the course of nearly forty years, Father, and later, Monsignor Walsh labored in a number of positions in the Church’s vineyards. He studied Spanish and became a fluent speaker of the language. This proved indispensable as Father Walsh served as pastor of Incarnation and St. Elizabeth’s parishes, both in Manhattan and home to large congregations of Latino immigrants.

The Cardinal’s Appeal, Catholic Charities, Family and Children’s Services were all part of Father Walsh’s priestly life. He saw diverse service as secretary to John Cardinal O’Connor and was in residence at the “Powerhouse” from January 1996 to August 1998. During that course of time, he never lost contact with the Brothers of his high school and college years, serving as Chaplain at Rice High School and later serving on the Board of the All Hallows Institute.

At the time of his ordination as auxiliary Bishop in 2004, he was vicar for development, vicar of North Manhattan and pastor of the Church of St. Elizabeth in Washington Heights.

His motto, emboldened on his coat of arms, reads “MAY THEY ALL BE ONE”

He is currently the Rector of Saint Joseph’s Seminary, Dunwoodie, Yonkers, New York.