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Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap. has served as the Archbishop of Denver for 11 years. He joined the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin in 1965. He was ordained to the priesthood on August 29, 1970. He served the Capuchin Order from 1971 to 1974 as a theology instructor and spiritual director at St. Fidelis College Seminary in Herman, Pa. From 1974 to 1977, he was the communications director the Capuchin Province of St. Augustine in Pittsburg, Pa. In 1977, he became pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Thornton, Colo. and vicar provincial for the Capuchin Province of Mid-America. He was named secretary and treasurer of the province in 1980 and he became chief executive and provincial minister three years later. On June 26, 1988, he was ordained Bishop of Rapid City, S.D. Pope John Paul II appointed him Archbishop of Denver on February 18, 1997. As a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe, Archbishop Chaput is the second Native American to be ordained a bishop in the United States, and the first Native American archbishop.

Monsignor Thomas Fryar, V.G. has been a priest for the Archdiocese of Denver for 30 years. He attended St. Thomas Seminary in Denver, Colo. On June 3, 1978 he was ordained a priest at the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. He has served as pastor at various parishes throughout the archdiocese. He is currently pastor of the Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver. For many years, he has also served the Archbishop of Denver as an archdiocesan administrator in various capacities. From 1990 to 1996, he was the archdiocesan Vocations Director. He became the Vicar for Clergy and Seminarians in 2001 until 2005. Since 2005 he has served as Moderator of the Curia. Pope John Paul II conferred upon him the title monsignor, prelate of honor in 2000. He was named a vicar general of the archdiocese in 2004.

Scott M. Browning is trial counsel to the Archdiocese of Denver. He received his Juris Doctor degree in 1993 from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. Upon graduation, he served one year as law clerk to Justice William H. Erickson of the Supreme Court of Colorado, and in 1994, joined Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons LLP in Denver. He is now a partner of the firm. In addition to the Archdiocese of Denver, Browning has represented a broad array of business and non-profit entities, including ESPN, Honeywell, Johns Manville, and Heitman Capital Management. He has also represented the fiduciary entity, Educational Credit Management Corporation (ECMC), that on behalf of the federal government collects certain federal loans across the country; as a result of that representation, Browning has established important precedent through a number of well-known Tenth Circuit opinions. He is member of the Denver, Colorado, and American Bar Associations, a certified public accountant, and member of the Faculty of Federal Advocates. In 2007, Browning was named one of Denver's "40 Under 40," an annual program recognizing young business leaders.