

2003. Martino was named President of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerants on 11 March 2006.

Martino was elevated to the College of Cardinals in the consistory of 21 October 2003 becoming Cardinal-Deacon of *S. Francesco di Paola ai Monti*. Martino was one of the cardinal electors who participated in the 2005 papal conclave that selected Pope Benedict XVI.

Concerning the case of Terri Schiavo, Martino publicly intervened in order to save Terri, to no avail.^[2]

On 6 November 2006, after the death sentence had been passed on Saddam Hussein, Martino said that:

...punishing a crime with another crime - which is what killing for vengeance is - would mean that we are still at the point of demanding an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth...

He pleaded for clemency for Hussein and called for a peace conference aimed at solving all the major conflicts in the Middle East and reiterated his position that invasion of Iraq by U.S.-led coalition was wrong.

Cardinal Martino has taken a great interest in automobiles and has proclaimed the Ten Commandments for Drivers. He has collaborated with the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile and has condemned activities of Oswald Mosley as immoral.

On the topic of genetically modified organisms, he has advocated a cautious use of GMOs, asserting that they may indeed help feed the hungry, although they will most likely not solve all food problems on earth.

On 14 June 2007, Martino urged Catholics to withhold donations to Amnesty International in response to the group's decision to advocate in favor of access to abortion in rare cases, which placed Amnesty in conflict with the Catholic view of the human fetus as a rights-holder.

Later in 2007, he participated in the Annapolis conference on peace in the Holy Land. He has led high-level diplomatic talks between Israelis and Palestinians, and has much experience in Mideast diplomacy. He has represented the Vatican view of moral equivalence and has said that both sides are "guilty" and that it is "necessary to separate them, like two fighting siblings are separated", and make them "sit down to negotiate."^[3]

Speaking on the 2008–2009 Israel-Gaza conflict Cardinal Martino said that "*The consequences of egoism are hatred, poverty and injustice. It's always the unarmed populations who pay. Look at the conditions in Gaza - more and more, it resembles a huge concentration camp.*" [2] (<http://ncrcafe.org/node/2360>)

Retirement

On 23 November 2007 at the age of 75, Cardinal Martino sent his resignation to Pope Benedict. On 28 February 2009, Pope Benedict relieved Cardinal Martino of the presidency of the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples and appointed Archbishop Antonio Maria Vegliò, who had been Secretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, to the post. [3] (http://212.77.1.245/news_services/bulletin/news/23486.php?index=23486&lang=en) On 24 October 2009, Pope Benedict named as successor to Cardinal Martino as president of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace Cardinal Peter Turkson, formerly Archbishop of Cape Coast, Ghana. [4] (http://212.77.1.245/news_services/bulletin/news/24539.php?index=24539&lang=en) Cardinal Martino remains a member of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, the Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See and the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City State.

In July 2010, Cardinal Martino assumed the position of Honorary President of the Dignitatis Humanae Institute, a Rome based organisation established to promote human dignity 'based on the recognition that man is made in the image and likeness of God.' [5] (http://www.dignitatishumanae.com/?page_id=7)

In November 2010 Cardinal Martino was appointed by His Royal Highness Prince Carlo, Duke of Castro as Grand Prior of the Sacred Military Constantinian Order of Saint George. In June 25 2012 His Royal Highness Prince Carlo, Duke of Castro appointed him as Knight of the Illustrious Royal Order of Saint Januarius

On 8 October 2011, he was named special papal envoy to the celebration of the centenary of the cathedral of Yangon,

Nations
(1986–2002)
President of the
Pontifical Council
for Pastoral Care
of Migrants and
Itinerant People
(2006–2009)

Alma mater Pontifical Gregorian
University, Pontifical
Ecclesiastical Academy

Motto Virtus ex Alto

Coat of arms



Styles of
Renato Martino



Reference style His Eminence
Spoken style Your Eminence
Informal style Cardinal

Burma, programmed for 8 December 2011. Cardinal Martino will meet Nobel peace laureate Suu Kyi, a Buddhist, who will be in attendance. Representatives of all religions in Burma, where Catholics represent only around one percent of the population, are being invited to the event, when Martino will read a message from Pope Benedict XVI. The envoy will then have lunch with local clergy and "special guests". The pope called on Martino to transmit "a message of goodwill" to political and religious authorities in Myanmar, where the military dictatorship has made a number of gestures of greater openness in recent months.^[4]

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- ↑ Vatican Asks U.N. for 'Safe Area' in Rwanda (<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?res=9F05E0DF103BF932A35755C0A962958260&n=Top/News/World/Countries%20and%20Territories/Rwanda>)
- ↑ [1] (<http://www.zenit.org/article-12346?l=english>)
- ↑ ZENIT article (<http://www.zenit.org/article-24733?l=english>)
- ↑ Vatican envoy to meet Suu Kyi in Myanmar this week (http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5g9_8IuZr1Veqm6CoSy2f6NDPIq9g?docId=CNG.813dc30b45831c9a2e4ca1b843c184ba.b1)

- Biography at catholic-pages.com (http://www.catholic-pages.com/hierarchy/cardinals_bio.asp?ref=203)

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Preceded by none	Apostolic Delegate to Brunei Darussalam 1983–3 December 1986	Succeeded by Adriano Bernardini
Preceded by Giovanni Cheli	Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations 3 December 1986–1 October 2002	Succeeded by Celestino Migliore
Preceded by Nguyen Van Thuan	President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace 1 October 2002–24 October 2009	Succeeded by Peter Turkson
Preceded by Pietro Pavan	Cardinal-Deacon of San Francesco di Paola ai Monti 21 October 2003–present	Incumbent
Preceded by Stephen Fumio Hamao	President of the Pontifical Council for Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant Peoples 11 March 2006–28 February 2009	Succeeded by Antonio Maria Vegliò

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