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Cardinal Wuerl Statement on Appointment of New Archbishop of Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *Pope Francis today named Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory of Atlanta the new Archbishop of Washington. Archbishop-designate Gregory will succeed Cardinal Donald Wuerl who submitted his resignation to the Holy Father in November 2015 when he turned 75 years old, in accord with canon law.*

Cardinal Wuerl's statement on the news from the Vatican this morning is below:

“With great joy, I welcome the news that our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has favored this local Church with the appointment of Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Atlanta, as the seventh Archbishop of Washington. I join all who appreciate his pastoral abilities, his intellectual gifts and his leadership qualities.

“I have known Archbishop Gregory for many years. In working with him on a range of pastoral initiatives and programs, I have come to recognize how generously he shares his talents and his love for the Church.

“As the Church of Washington opens a new chapter and looks to the future, we can all, with great confidence and enthusiasm, welcome our new shepherd.”