

Curriculum Vitae  
**Monsignor Douglas Lee Grams**

July 28, 2006

**Born:**

July 3, 1960 Mankato, Minnesota [first child]  
Home Parish: Church of the Holy Rosary, North Mankato, Minnesota

Father: Donald L. Grams (died July 16, 2007)  
Mother: Jodell (Cain) Grams (died December 15, 1998)

Siblings: Kimberly Ann Oswald

**Education/Degrees:**

1976-1979 Crosier Seminary High School, Onamia, Minnesota  
1979-1981 Crosier Seminary Junior College, Onamia, Minnesota  
1981-1983 Immaculate Heart of Mary College Seminary, Winona,  
Minnesota; B.A. in history  
1983-1987 St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota; Master of Divinity  
June 4-August 17, 1984 Clinical Pastoral Education at the Willmar State Hospital,  
Willmar, MN.  
Sept. 1, 1991-May 1993 Graduate studies in Canon Law at the University of St.  
Paul, Ottawa, Canada  
1993 J.C.L., University of St. Paul, Ottawa, Canada

**Ministry:**

November 9, 1983 Ministry of Lector at St. Mary's Chapel, St. Paul Seminary  
in St. Paul, MN by Bishop William Bullock for the  
Diocese of New Ulm.  
May 3, 1984 Ministry of Acolyte at the St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul,  
MN by Bishop J. Richard Ham for the Diocese of New  
Ulm.  
January 25, 1986 Candidacy for Orders at the St. Paul Seminary in St. Paul,  
MN by Bishop Robert J. Carlson.  
December 6, 1986 Ordained to the Diaconate at the St. Paul Seminary in St.  
Paul, MN by Bishop Robert J. Carlson.  
Deacon Internship at the Church of St. Matthew in St.  
Paul, MN.  
January 7, 1987 Granted diaconal faculties of the Diocese of New Ulm.  
June 13, 1987 Ordained to the Priesthood at the Church of the Holy  
Rosary in North Mankato, Minnesota by Bishop Raymond  
Alphonse Lucker for the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota.  
June 17, 1987 Associate Pastor of the Church of St. Mary in Sleepy Eye,  
Minnesota.  
July 6, 1988 - Sept. 1, 1991 Associate Pastor of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in  
New Ulm, Minnesota.  
February 15, 1990 Appointed Advocate for the Diocese of New Ulm  
Marriage Tribunal.  
Aug. 8, 1990 - Sept. 1, 1991 Sacramental Minister of the Church of St. John in Searles,  
Minnesota while remaining Associate Pastor at the  
Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm, Minnesota.

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June 16, 1993	Pastor of the Church of St. Mary in Tracy, Minnesota and Sacramental Minister of the Church of St. Paul in Walnut Grove, Minnesota.
July 28, 1993	Appointed Associate Judge of the Diocese of New Ulm Marriage Tribunal.
June 15, 1994	Parochial Administrator of the Church of St. Paul in Walnut Grove, Minnesota while remaining Pastor of the Church of St. Mary in Tracy, Minnesota.
June 16, 1999 - present Sept. 1, 1999 - June 1, 2002	Pastor of the Church of St. Mary in New Ulm, Minnesota. Chancellor of the Diocese of New Ulm while remaining Pastor of the Church of St. Mary in New Ulm, Minnesota.
June 1, 2002 - present	Vicar General of the Diocese of New Ulm, Director of Priest Personnel and Bishop's Delegate in Matters Pertaining to Sexual Misconduct while remaining Pastor of the Church of St. Mary in New Ulm, Minnesota.
June 1, 2005	Episcopal Vicar [Regions 1 and 6] while retaining current duties.
September 14, 2005	Named Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.
December 8, 2005	Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor announced by Bishop John Clayton Nienstedt.
February 26, 2006	Invested as Prelate of Honor with the title of Monsignor at the Church of St. Mary in New Ulm, MN by Bishop John Clayton Nienstedt.
December 13, 2007	Elected Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of New Ulm by College of Consultors

**Building Projects:**

2007-2008	Church of St. Mary, New Ulm – renovation of façade and addition of bell tower.
1993-1999	Church of St. Mary, Tracy, Minnesota – Renovation of the interior of the Church.
2004	Church of St. Mary, New Ulm, Minnesota – Demolition of school building and convent, salvaging historical items.

**Professional Associations:**

Sept. 1, 1999-present 1999-present	Member of the Diocesan Corporate Board. Member of the New Ulm Area Catholic Schools Board of Directors.
2001-2004	Member of the Diocesan Continuing Education of Clergy Committee.
2002-present 2002-present	Executive Director of the Priest Personnel Board. Executive Director of the Priests' Council.
June 1, 2002-present 2002-present	Member of the Diocesan College of Consultors. Minister of Confirmation according to Canon 884.1.
2002-present	Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Priests' Pension Plan.
2002-present	Member of the Committee on Parishes.

2002-2008

Member of the Review Board for Sexual Misconduct in  
the Diocese of New Ulm.

June 1, 2005-present

Member of the Bishop's Executive Cabinet.

**Interests:**

Swimming.