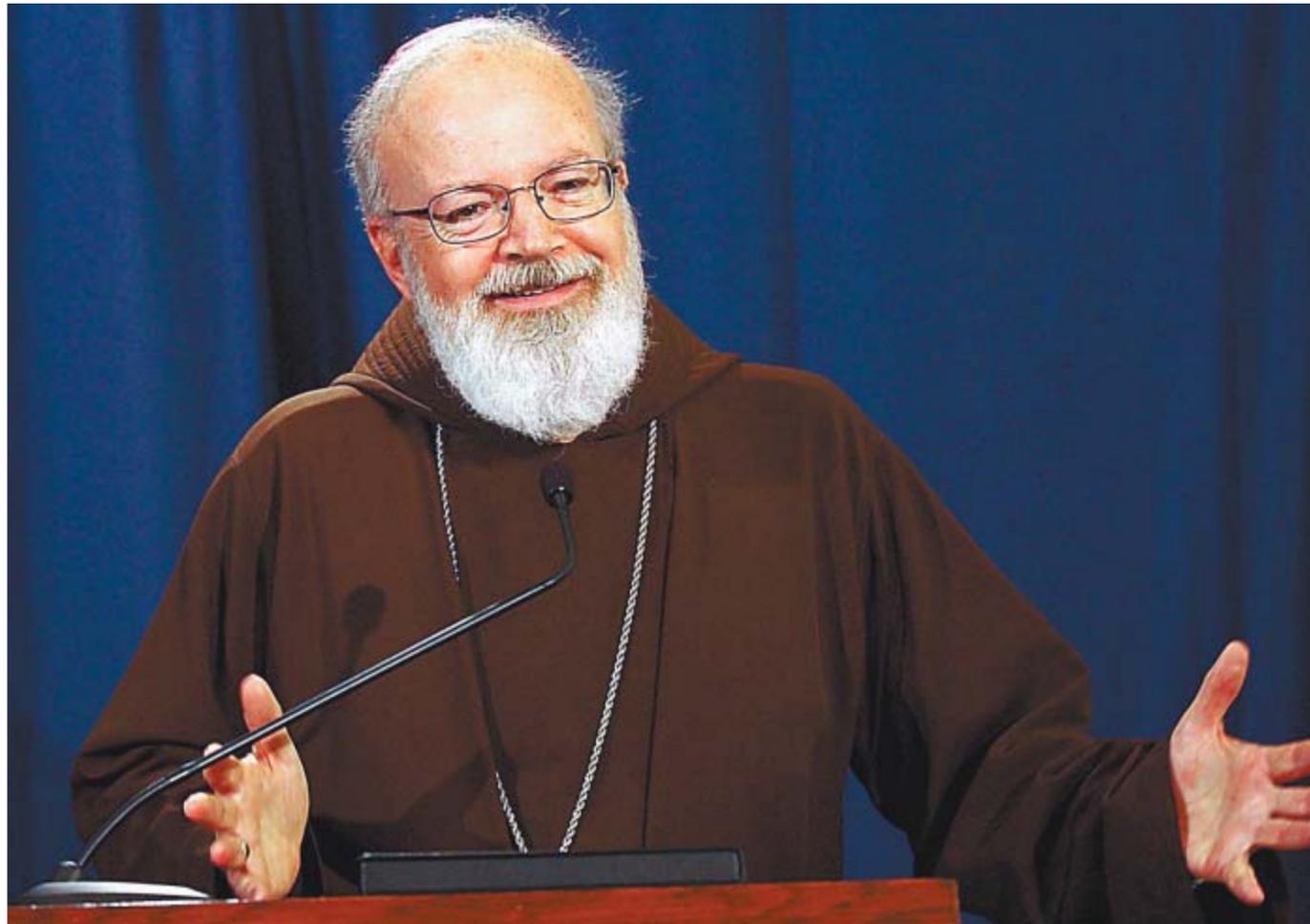


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SWIM CHANCE  
TODAY: Mostly sunny; Midday high 87; 60s overnight  
TOMORROW: Increasing clouds; midday high in mid-80s  
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## O'Malley offers plea, pledge



Archbishop-elect Sean Patrick O'Malley, wearing the brown habit adopted by the followers of St. Francis, spoke to reporters at St. John's Seminary in Brighton.

### New leader's life marked by intellect, sense of mission

By Thomas Farragher  
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GLOBE STAFF

He has walked in candlelight in Fall River to condemn the deportation of immigrants. He has marched in Washington to denounce the "moral blindness" of abortion.

He has organized urban housing cooperatives to ensure that poor people could live with dignity. And when a monster storm de-

stroyed much of his island diocese, he monopolized one of the few working telephones to raise millions to help rebuild it.

Boston's new archbishop-elect, who speaks softly in multiple languages, enjoys operas by Verdi, the classic literature of Spanish masters, and a hefty slice of well-made pizza along the avenues of New York.

He once told his family he would be content to serve out his priestly life working with the poor far from the urban centers of

the United States.

But Rome has had a different plan for Bishops Sean Patrick O'Malley.

He was named a bishop while still in his late 30s. He may become a cardinal in Boston by his early 60s.

"I guess the Vatican had other ideas for him," said his younger sister, Mary E. Alexsovic. "I thought his legacy would be his work with the poor. But it seems it will be the other poor: the poor victims [of cler-

gy sexual abuse]. He's got a job to do, and he'll do it."

If O'Malley now finds himself the Vatican's prelate of choice to minister to dioceses particularly afflicted by the pain and tragedy of clergy sexual abuse, those who have followed him since his earliest priestly days say he will be well guided by a remarkable intelligence, understated and agile political skills, and a deftness at obeying the

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### Bishop urges healing, vows a settlement

By Michael Paulson  
GLOBE STAFF

Bishop Sean Patrick O'Malley, the 59-year-old Capuchin friar thrust into the national spotlight by his appointment as archbishop of Boston, introduced himself yesterday to a wounded archdiocese with an apology for the harm done to young people by sexual abuse, a plea for priests to pull together, and a dramatic pledge to settle the hundreds of lawsuits pending against the local church.

"People's lives are more important than money," O'Malley told a packed news conference at St. John's Seminary in Brighton.

O'Malley's first day as archbishop-elect was filled with the symbols of his priorities, beginning with Mass and ending with a visit to the sick at Caritas St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. In between came a press conference at which he addressed himself directly to priests, laypeople, and disenfranchised Catholics and a private meeting with a dozen people harmed by clergy sexual abuse.

Late yesterday, he left Boston for Washington, D.C., en route to Palm Beach, Fla. where he has been serving as bishop. He made it clear that he intends to act swiftly upon his installation as archbishop, which will take place some

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### Role in abuse case

A Fall River priest was allowed to continue as a missionary after Bishop Sean Patrick O'Malley was told by a woman that the priest had sexually molested her. O'Malley defends his actions as conforming to policy. A26.

### First impressions

The archbishop-elect strikes a chord with a combination of orthodoxy and humility. A22.

### Breaking a pattern

Unlike others, O'Malley did not make his reputation in Rome. A25. Full coverage, A22-28.

## Bush foresees long, 'massive' role in Iraq

By Dana Milbank  
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush acknowledged yesterday that the United States faces a "massive and long-term undertaking" in Iraq but said US troops would prevail over what his administration described as well-trained militants that have been killing and injuring US forces.

Bush delivered his statement of resolve, some of his most extensive remarks about Iraq in the two months since he declared heavy fighting was over, as Americans are expressing concern about the unrest in US-occupied Iraq and some legislators are accusing the administration of understating the task ahead.

At least 31 US and British military personnel have been killed and 178 wounded in fighting in Iraq in the nine weeks since Bush announced that major combat operations had ended. The US administrator in Iraq said yesterday

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President Bush thanked military members for their service and expressed US determination to prevail over militants in Iraq during a reenlistment ceremony yesterday at the White House.

## Kraft looks to trim fats, sugar from its products

By Katherine Lutz  
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Kraft Foods, the maker of brands from Oreo cookies to Oscar Mayer bologna, announced plans yesterday to cut back on sugar and fat in some products, reduce the size of packaged portions, and stop marketing its food in schools.

The announcement by North America's largest maker of branded foods was an acknowledgment that the food industry must help fight obesity in the United States.

Analysts said Kraft's decisions will probably push other food companies to take similar health-conscious steps and illustrate the industry's concern that it could be blamed for obesity, much as tobacco companies were forced to pay billions for the ill effects of cigarettes.

"This will ripple through the

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### One Kraft sampling

Each single serving of six cookies in an Oreo "Vend Pack" contains:

**SUGAR**  
20 grams (5 teaspoons). Dietitians call these empty calories.

**FAT**  
10 grams, 16 percent of federally recommended fat intake for a day.

### Mideast steps: Sharon, Abbas voice their resolve. A8.

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## SEC finds ex-Big Dig chief negligent, not fraudulent

By Frank Phillips  
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Wrapping up its probe, the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission has found former Big Dig chief James Kerasiotes negligent for failing to disclose the project's \$1.4 billion overrun in 1999, but has concluded that Kerasiotes committed no fraud and did not intend to de-

ceive bondholders, according to a settlement agreement reviewed by the Globe.

Kerasiotes, who ran the Central Artery/Ted Williams Tunnel project until he was fired in 2000, has agreed to sign the settlement with the agency to bring the matter to a close, but he is not admitting negligence, said a source who talked with him yesterday.

The settlement must be submitted to the SEC commissioners for final approval, but such approval is usually routine.

Kerasiotes faces no fines, citations, or reprimands as a result of the staff findings. The settlement also concludes that no investors were harmed by Kerasiotes's actions, and that the state's bond rating was not affected.

"Kerasiotes was not unjustly enriched and did not profit financially by his conduct in connection with any of the bond offerings at issue in this matter, and no investor suffered a financial loss," the SEC document reads.

Kerasiotes declined comment. His attorney, Joseph Savage, did not return calls to his office yesterday.

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