

January 4, 2010

Mayor Menino Inauguration

Menino enters his fifth term in a position of relative strength. The 67-year-old former insurance salesman survived his toughest reelection challenge ever, in November, defeating Councilor at Large Michael F. Flaherty Jr., 57 percent to 42 percent in an election that brought more than 110,000 voters to the polls, the highest number in a mayoral election since 1993.



The Honorable Thomas M. Menino, Mayor Picture by: David L Ryan/Globe Staff

Benediction given by:
Sister Margaret Leonard, LSA
Executive Director, Project Hope

Excerpts of Benediction:

Sr. Margaret's benediction expressed optimism for Boston's future and a renewed shared purpose. Her benediction included these words of hope: "Help us bring to fruition the hopes and dreams expressed here this morning. That every child will be offered the possibility to reach his/her full potential. That homelessness and hunger will lesson. That the poor and most vulnerable among us will be embraced. That our rich and diverse neighborhoods will continue to flourish in innovative ways. That justice, equity, and creativity will mark the continued transformation of our great city."

Sr. Margaret continued: "Together we thank you, Mayor Thomas Menino, for blessing us with your 'yes' to this call to service in a difficult and challenging moment in our history. Thank you for your leadership, your dedication, and your commitment to making this city that we claim as our own truly great."

We congratulate Mayor Menino, and wish him the best of luck!