

'Digging in our heels' against Obama won't work, New Orleans archbishop says

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Archbishop Gregory Aymond, who will formally be installed as the new shepherd

of New Orleans on August 20, has long been considered a rising star within the U.S. bishops' conference, and a leader of what might loosely be called its 'moderate' wing.

Aymond was in Rome this week to receive the pallium, a band of woolen cloth symbolizing the duties of his office and his bond with the pope. On Tuesday, he sat down at the North American College for an interview. Highlights include his reflections on lessons learned from the sexual abuse crisis, including a strong defense of the 'zero tolerance' policy but some ambivalence about disclosure of sensitive documents, and his non-confrontational approach to the Obama administration.

The full text of the interview is here [Interview with Archbishop Gregory Aymond of New Orleans](#) [1]

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