

JIM TOWEY

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

St. Vincent College

President
Latrobe, PA

June 2006 - Present

The White House

Assistant to the President of the United States
Washington, DC

February 2002 – May 2006

- Directed the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, one of President George W. Bush's top domestic priorities, was a member of the President's Senior Staff and participated in meetings of his Cabinet
- Reported directly to the President on matters pertaining to church-state and religious liberty issues; Federal grants to religious and community-based charities; corporate and foundation grant making to social service agencies; tax incentives for enhanced charitable giving; and the implementation of "individual choice" in drug treatment, mentoring, housing and other Federal programs
- Provided oversight of offices in ten Federal agencies to ensure fair competition in the grants process and the full implementation of the President's agenda
- Represented the President before Congress, the media, and citizen organizations

Aging with Dignity

Founder and President

Tallahassee, Florida and Washington, DC

March 1996 – January 2002

- Founded national non-profit organization to help individuals and their families plan for and receive care worthy of their God-given dignity during times of serious illness
- Created the document *Five Wishes*, the most widely used advance directive in America with over six million copies in circulation

Florida State University

Consultant on Federal Welfare Reform

Tallahassee, Florida

June 1995 – March 1996

- Provided consulting services to Florida Governor Lawton Chiles and U.S. Senator Bob Graham on the effect on Florida of Federal Welfare and Medicaid reform legislation at the time this landmark legislation was debated in Congress

Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services

Secretary

Tallahassee, Florida

July 1993 – June 1995

- Appointed to Governor Chiles' Cabinet and confirmed by the Florida Senate in May 1994
- Administered the largest state health and social services agency in the U.S. managing 40,000 employees and a \$4.3 billion budget
- Stabilized a scandal-plagued agency that was reeling from grand jury investigations, employee indictments and a failed super-computer system
- Instituted employee accountability measures, helped resolve major class-action lawsuits, and reduced Florida's food stamp error rate from one of the highest in the nation to below the national average
- Launched two nationally recognized welfare-to-work pilot programs

- Increased the number of adoptions to record levels

Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services

Miami District Administrator

Miami, Florida

December 1991 – July 1993

- Managed 5,000 employees and a \$340 million budget
- Helped lead state health and social services response to Hurricane Andrew, including the administration of the largest emergency food stamp operation in U.S. history
- Launched successful initiative to involve volunteers in child welfare system to provide a full range of health and social services in schools and neighborhoods

Governor Lawton Chiles

Assistant to the Governor

Tallahassee, Florida

November 1990 – December 1991

- Served as liaison to Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, and social service and religious communities
- Launched Governor’s adoption initiatives and helped direct state task force on reducing abortions
- Spearheaded the Governor’s overhaul of ethics legislation

Mother Teresa of Calcutta and the Missionaries of Charity

Legal Counsel and Full-time volunteer

Tijuana, Mexico; Calcutta, India; and Washington, D.C. November 1988 – October 1990

- Lived for a year in Mexico in one of Mother Teresa’s missions and worked full-time in 1990 in her Washington, DC home for people with AIDS
- Represented Mother Teresa on legal matters in the United States and Canada for 12 years (from 1985 until her death), and traveled with her to numerous cities in North America
- Traveled on seven occasions to Calcutta to assist the Missionaries of Charity on legal and business matters and to volunteer in their missions

United States Senator Mark Hatfield

Legislative Director and Legal Counsel

Washington, D.C.

June 1982 – October 1988

- Managed legislative affairs for Senator Hatfield when he was United States Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman, with a focus on Indochinese refugee matters that required frequent travel to Viet Nam, Cambodia, and Thailand

ACADEMICS

Florida State University

Bachelor of Science, Accounting (*Magna Cum Laude*)

Tallahassee, Florida

June 1978

Florida State University College of Law

Juris Doctor

Tallahassee, Florida

June 1981

AWARDS

Award from His Holiness John Paul II <i>Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice</i> Papal Cross	Vatican City, Vatican April 2000
Florida State University <i>Omicron Delta Kappa</i> “Grads Made Good” Award	Tallahassee, FL November 2003
Archdiocese of Miami <i>Primum Regnum Dei</i>	Miami, Florida October 2004
Church World Magazine “Fifty Most Influential Christians in America” Award	Scottsdale, AZ January 2005
Non-Profit Times Magazine “Power and Influence Top Fifty of 2005” Award	New York, NY September 2005

HONORARY DEGREES

The Catholic University of America Doctor of Humane Letters	Washington, D.C. May 2005
Saint Vincent Seminary Doctor of Humane Letters	Latrobe, Pennsylvania May 2004
Franciscan University of Steubenville Doctor of Humanities	Steubenville, Ohio May 2004
St. Thomas University College of Law Doctor of Law	Miami, Florida June 1995
South Florida Center for Theological Studies Doctor of Sacred Theology	Miami, Florida June 2004
Barry University Doctor of Law	Miami, Florida May 1994

COLLEGIATE HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

- Phi Kappa Phi* National Honor Society
- Garnet and Gold Key Leadership Organization at Florida State University
- Florida State University Lettermen’s Club
- Sigma Phi Epsilon* social fraternity
- Student Manager, Florida State University men’s varsity basketball team

PERSONAL

- Birth: October 1, 1956 Terre Haute, Indiana
- Childhood Hometown: Jacksonville, Florida
- Marital Status: Married February 1, 1992, to Mary Sarah Griffith
- Children:
 - James Marion
 - Joseph Marius
 - Maximilian Marian
 - John Mariano
 - Marie Therese
- Memberships: The Florida Bar; Knights of Columbus