

Peter John Gomes
Doctor of Divinity

Peter John Gomes is Plummer Professor of Christian Morals, Pusey Minister of the Memorial Church of Cambridge Massachusetts, and chaplain of Harvard University. A member of the faculty of Arts and Sciences and the faculty of Divinity at Harvard, Gomes holds degrees from Bates College and the Harvard Divinity School and is an ordained American Baptist minister. He has received Harvard's Phi Beta Kappa Teaching Award, and is an Honorary Fellow of Emmanuel College of The University of Cambridge, where the Gomes Lectureship is established in his name. Widely regarded as one of America's most distinguished preachers, Gomes has preached and lectured throughout the United States and the British Isles. In 2001 he served as missionary to Oxford University, preaching a series of talks in the University Church of St. Mary the Virgin, in 2000 he delivered the University Sermon before The University of Cambridge, England, and preached the Millennial Sermon in Canterbury Cathedral. He is frequently heard from the pulpit of Duke Chapel. He was named Clergy of the Year in 1998 by Religion in American Life and participated in the presidential inaugurations of Ronald Reagan and George Herbert Walker Bush. His books include the best-seller *The Good Book: Reading the Bible with Mind and Heart* (1996) and *Sermons: Biblical Wisdom for Daily Living* (1988). Gomes grew up in Plymouth, Massachusetts, where he preached even while in high school. There, he became director of the Pilgrim Museum while still a lad, and began to gather an enormous wealth of information about New England's pilgrims and puritans. His friends characterize him as a person of honesty, compassion, warmth, energy, and intelligence that one meets but rarely in a lifetime. Gomes has been profiled by Robert Boynton in *The New Yorker* and interviewed by Morley Safer on *60 Minutes*. In 1999 *Talk* magazine included him in its feature article, "The Best Talkers in America: Fifty Big Mouths We Hope Will Never Shut Up."