

Laudatio

We honour Graham Tomlin by awarding him the Silver Rose of St. Nicholas 2016

* for his initiative and his commitment in favour of a creative new model of theological formation that has proven to be fruitful

- by encouraging an impressive number of students to engage and risk their lives in serving the people of God
- by renewing and inspiring Christian parishes and communities

* for his personal contribution to a theology that seeks to be reborn from its sources in Holy Scripture and in the Church Fathers and for this reason is able to communicate with the questions and concerns of today

* for promoting a fruitful interaction between theological reflection and worship, borne by a deep confidence in the life-giving Spirit of God and by friendship and compassion as the ground for communication between teachers and students

* for his capacity to bring together the Church hierarchy, theologians and the movements of Church renewal, specially the community of Holy Trinity Brompton, in their common mission of preparing and equipping ambassadors of Christ who go out to the whole world and proclaim the gospel to all creation

* in particular for his contribution to the movement of 'Church Planting' that shows how the Church is always young as her future is in God, and how faith and love prepare a way of universal hope in joy and freedom for the whole of humanity and the whole of creation that is waiting with eagerness for the children of God to be revealed.