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good alternative, but he didn't want it," Monsignor Paul Gearin, President of the College and former Bishop of Sacramento, told ABC News. "He told me he didn't want to be a school administrator. He wanted to be a priest, and he wanted to be in Sacramento." Though he was in desperate need of a bishop, there was no shortage of applicants. By the end of his summer trial, Gearin said it was clear that Dolan's courtship of the job in Sacramento wasn't leading anywhere. Then, the archbishop-elect received a letter from the Vatican informing him that his post would not be guaranteed. That's when Bishop John Cummins, of the Diocese of Venice in Italy -- who had been working with Dolan on a series of ordinations -- decided to step up. "Within a minute after I read it, [I] said, 'You mean I have to take over the parish?' It was very disruptive to put him into a school where he was beloved and successful," Cummins told ABC News. Some 30 archbishops in recent years have gone on to be bishops. "Sacrament of Holy Orders is a big deal, not just for the clergy but for the community, and I think that he's got a big future," Cummins said. Dolan has been a priest for 30 years. When he first arrived in the U.S., he'd longed to return to Rome, he told