

## Joe Torre

Executive Vice President for Baseball Operations for Major League Baseball

On November 2, 1995, Joe Torre was named Manager of the New York Yankees. In becoming the 31st manager in team history, he joined Casey Stengel, Yogi Berra and Dallas Green as the fourth skipper to wear both Yankee and New York Met uniforms. Torre served as Manager of the Yankees for 11 years, who made the playoffs every year under Torre's tenure. He led the Yankees to 6 World Series appearances during the 11 year span, winning 4 World Series Championships, most recently in 2000.

In 2007, Torre won his 2000<sup>th</sup> game and became the first manager to achieve 2000 wins and 2000 hits. However, in the 2007 post-season, the Yankees lost 2 games to the Cleveland Indians, which created uncertainty as to whether Torre's contract would be renewed the next year. After winning game 3 of the same series, Torre was offered a one-year contract with a significant pay cut. As a result, Torre chose to turn down the offer and was offered a job as manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers beginning in the 2008 season. On September 17, 2010, Torre announced his resignation as Dodgers manager and appointed Don Mattingly for the 2011 season, who had served as the Dodgers' hitting coach beginning in 2008.

After managing the Dodgers from 2008-10, Torre was named executive vice president for baseball operations of the MLB in February 2011. In January 2012, he quit his job with MLB in order to pursue his dreams of owning the Dodgers. In March of the same year, he returned to his position at MLB after his plans to achieve ownership failed when the bidding group he joined was unable to buy the Dodgers.

The 2000 title was the 26th overall for the Yankees, the most of any team in professional sports. They are just the third team to win four titles in five years, the other two also being Yankees' teams. The Bronx Bombers captured four straight titles beginning in 1936 and later won five consecutive championships from 1949-53. The Yankees also became the first team since the Oakland Athletics from 1972-74 to win three straight world titles.

Torre led the 1996 Yankees to their first World Series title since 1978. He was named Sportsman of the Year by The Sporting News and Co-American League Manager of the Year by the Baseball Writers Association of America. After a return to post-season competition in 1997, Torre led the Yankees to 114 wins during the 1998 regular season, an American League record, and a four-game sweep of the San Diego Padres in the 1998 World Series. Once again, Torre was named American League Manager of the Year, and the season earned him his second AP Manager of the Year Award. In the 1999 series, the Yankees swept the Atlanta Braves, winning 12 straight World Series games.

During his seventeen-year playing career, Torre compiled a .297 batting average, 2,342 hits, 252 home runs, and 1,185 RBI's while playing for Milwaukee, Atlanta, St. Louis, and the Mets. He hit over .300 five times in his career, and was a nine-time All-Star.

In 1971, Torre was the National League MVP as a member of the Cardinals. By leading the league with a .363 batting average, 230 hits, 137 RBI's and 352 total bases, Torre became the first player to lead the NL in four offensive categories since Stan Musial captured eight in 1948.

Torre was named catcher on The Sporting News All-Star Team from 1964-1966. He received the NL Gold Glove Award in 1965. Torre hit the first regular season home run in Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium, and holds the record for most home runs (36) in a single season (1966) by a Braves catcher.

He made his managerial debut on May 31, 1977, when he became the first player-manager in the majors since 1959. He became the Mets full-time skipper eighteen days later. In 1982, Torre was named AP Manager of the Year for leading the Atlanta Braves to a division title.

Before returning to manage the St. Louis Cardinals from 1990-1995, Torre spent nearly six seasons as a television broadcaster for the California Angels.

He is the co-author of two books: *Chasing the Dream: My Lifelong Journey to the World Series* (Bantam 1997,1998), a memoir, and the inspirational management guide, *Joe Torre's Ground Rules for Winners: 12 Keys to Managing Team Players, Tough Bosses, Setbacks, and Success* (Hyperion 1999).

In 2002, Torre and his wife Ali launched the Joe Torre Safe at Home Foundation whose mission is to develop educational programs that will end the cycle of domestic violence and save lives. In 2005, Torre opened up several "Margaret Places" in New York that allow a safe place for children to speak with counselors about their domestic violence abuse.

Torre was born July 18, 1940, in Brooklyn, New York. He and his wife reside in Westchester County, New York. They have four children.