

PERSONAL:

Born, March 19, 1949, in Omaha, Nebraska. Parents Blase and Mary (Mayhan) Cupich.
Ordained to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Omaha, August 16, 1975.
Appointed July 7, 1998; ordained and installed as Bishop of Rapid City September 21, 1998.
Appointed June 30, 2010; officially installed as Bishop of Spokane September 3, 2010

EDUCATION:

College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN B.A. in Philosophy, 1971
Seminary - North American College and Gregorian University, Rome S.T.B., 1974; M.A. in Theology, 1975
Graduate - The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC
S.T.L. in Sacramental Theology, 1979; S.T.D. in Sacramental Theology, with dissertation entitled: ADVENT IN THE ROMAN TRADITION: An Examination and Comparison of the Lectionary Readings as Hermeneutical Units in Three Periods, 1987

PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS:

Associate Pastor, St. Margaret Mary Parish, Omaha;
Instructor, Paul VI High School, Omaha, 1975-1978
Director of the Office for Divine Worship, Archdiocese of Omaha,
Chair of the Commission on Youth, 1978-1981
Instructor, Continuing Education of Priests Program and Diaconate
Formation, Creighton University, Omaha, 1980-1981
Secretary, Apostolic Nunciature, Washington, D.C. 1981-1987
Pastor, St. Mary Parish, Bellevue, 1987-1989
President/Rector, Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio 1989-1996
Pastor, St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, Omaha, 1997-1998
Bishop, Diocese of Rapid City, 1998-2010
Bishop, Diocese of Spokane, 2010-

MEMBERSHIPS:

USCCB Communications Committee, 1999 - 2003, Advisory Committee, 2004 - 2006
USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Native American Catholics, 1999 - 2003
USCCB, Bishops' Committee for Young Adults, 2000 - 2003
USCCB Ad Hoc Committee for the 2004 Special Assembly, 2001 - 2002
Consultant, USCCB Ad Hoc Committee to Oversee the Use of the Catechism, 1999 -
USCCB Committee on the Liturgy, 1999 - 2007
Saint Paul Seminary, University of St. Thomas, Board of Trustees, 1999 -2009
USCCB Committee on the Liturgy Task Force on Liturgy with Children, 2000 - 2005
USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Scripture Translation, 2002 -
Catholic Mutual Relief Society Trustee, 2002 -
USCCB Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse, 2002 - 2005
USCCB Committee on Domestic Policy, 2003 - 2004
USCCB Committee on Vocations, Chair, 2004 - 2007
Serra Club Episcopal Advisor, 2004 - 2008
Apostolic Visitor to Seminaries, 2005-2006
National Pastoral Life Center Board of Directors, 2006 -

USCCB Committee on Protection of Children and Young People 2005 - 2006, Chair 2008- 2011
USCCB Task Force on Priestly and Religious Vocations, At-large Representative 2008
Catholic Extension Society Board of Governors, 2009-
Catholic Extension Society Mission Committee, Chair, 2011
USCCB Subcommittee for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Chair 2013-
Chair of National Catholic Education Association, 2013-
Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation Board, Custer, South Dakota, 2014

PASTORAL LETTERS:

Deep Waters Springing To Life: A Pastoral Letter to the People of God in Western South Dakota Gathering in Synod to Renew the Life of Faith as Discipleship, Companionship and Mission, September 8, 2001
He Comes to Be with Us Because He Knows We Are Dying: A Christmas Message on the Importance of the Eucharist in Our Lives, A Pastoral Letter to the People of God in western South Dakota in the Year of the Eucharist, December 25, 2004
Joy Made Complete, A Pastoral Letter for the Know Love and Serve Pastoral Planning Process, Diocese of Spokane, August 15, 2014

PUBLICATIONS:

The "I" of Priestly Identity in The Priest, November 1994
The Priest as Administrator: Rediscovering Our Tradition of Pastoral Leadership in Priests For a New Millennium, NCCB Publications, November 2000
The Second Vatican Council: Why should it matter to your generation? Habiger Lecture, University of St. Thomas Perspectives, July 2004
Handing on the Faith through Community-Based Faith Formation: Our Common Challenge and Shared Privilege in Handing on the Faith: The Church's Mission and Challenge, edited by Robert Imbelli, Natl Book Network, 2006

In Origins

The Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership Project: The Theological, Sacramental and Ecclesial Context, May 15, 2008
Protecting Children, Promoting Healing: It Takes a Community of Learning, April 21, 2011
Talking About Faith to a Skeptical World in a Secular Age, September 5, 2013
A More Authentic Way of Knowing and Learning, June 19, 2014

In America Magazine

Abortion and Public Policy, September 11, 2006
How Unconditional Is the Right to Life?, January 29, 2007
Workers in the Vineyard, July 21, 2008
Racism and the Election, October 27, 2008
Power in The Present, March 23, 2009
Serious Thinking The moral challenge of 'Caritas in Veritate' , July 20, 2009
Twelve Things the Bishops Have Learned From the Clergy Sexual Abuse Crisis, May 10, 2010
Staying Civil, March 5, 2012
Francis as Witness, October 21, 2013