

**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-  
USCCB Task Force on Priestly and Religious Vocations, At-large Representative 2008-  
Catholic Extension Society Board of Governors, 2009-  
USCCB Subcommittee for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe

**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

**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

Abortion and Public Policy in America, September 11, 2006

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

An Unconditional Right to Life in America, January 29, 2007

The Emerging Models of Pastoral Leadership Project: The Theological, Sacramental and Ecclesial Context in *Origins*, May 15, 2008

Power in the Present; Hope for the Future in America, March 23, 2009