

**SOLEMN INSTALLATION OF
THE MOST REVEREND DANIEL H. MUEGGENBORG
AS EIGHTH BISHOP OF RENO
ST. ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH
RENO, NEVADA
SEPTEMBER 24, 2021**

Your Eminence Cardinal Mahony, Your Excellency Metropolitan Archbishop Cordileone, Your Excellency Archbishop Gomez, Your Excellency Archbishop Etienne, Your Excellency Bishop Calvo, Your Excellency Bishop-Designate Mueggenborg, My Brother Archbishops and Bishops, Dear Priests, Deacons, Consecrated Religious, and Lay Faithful of the Diocese of Reno, Dear Friends:

I am truly pleased to be with you this afternoon in Reno, affectionately known as the “Biggest Little City in the Whole World” as Bishop Daniel Mueggenborg is installed as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Reno. It is an occasion to give thanks to God for providing a shepherd for the flock here in Nevada, but also to express our gratitude to Bishop Calvo for his service here as bishop since 2006.

Preaching at the ordination of a bishop in 2019, Pope Francis said:

“Thus, through the uninterrupted succession of bishops in the living Tradition of the Church this primary ministry is preserved, and the work of the Savior continues and develops even in our times. In the bishop, surrounded by his priests, there is present in your midst Our Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal high priest. In fact, it is Christ, that in the ministry of the bishop continues to preach the Gospel of salvation; it is Christ that continues to sanctify believers through the sacraments of the faith. It is Christ that in the fatherhood of the bishop helps new members of His Body, the Church, to grow. It is Christ that in the wisdom and prudence of the bishop guides the people of God on their earthly pilgrimage until they reach eternal happiness.” (Homily on the Occasion of the Episcopal Ordination of His Excellency Alberto R. Lorenzelli, 22 June 2019)

My Dear Friends, our Holy Father has appointed for you a shepherd who is to be Christ in your midst and who is to lead you as your Local Church walks together in this life toward the new and eternal Jerusalem.

Dear Bishop Mueggenborg, we entrust you to St. Joseph, the universal protector of the Church during this Year of St. Joseph, as well as to the Blessed Virgin, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Rose of Lima. In your daily episcopal ministry, may you radiate the face of Jesus not only to this Local Church but also to the community at large, especially those most in need materially and spiritually.

And now, I will read for you the Apostolic Letter of Appointment.