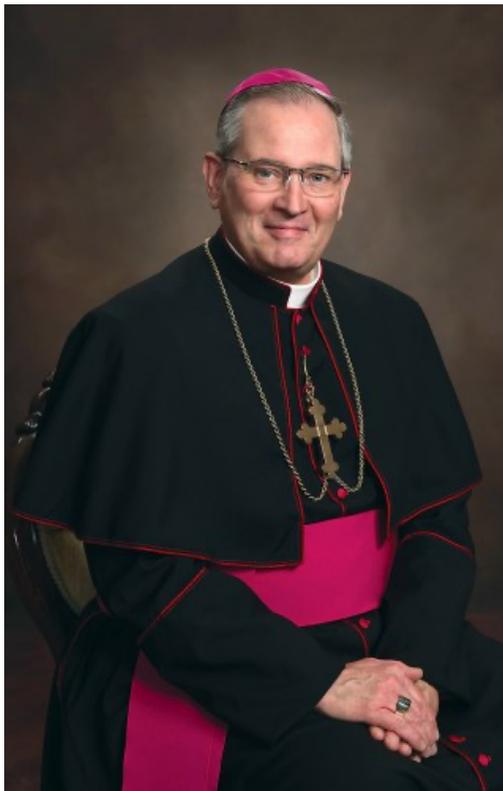


THE SISTER THEA BOWMAN FOUNDATION REMEMBERS

Most Reverend Bishop Peter M. Muhich

Sr. Thea Bowman Foundation Board Member

May 13, 1961 – February 17, 2024



In 2020, Pope Francis named Fr. Peter M. Muhich, a Priest from the Diocese of Duluth, as the Bishop of Rapid City. The appointment was announced on May 12, 2020 by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, in Washington, DC.

For his episcopal motto Bishop Muhich chose words taken from the Gospel of John, where the Evangelist tells about the Last Supper and Jesus washing the apostles' feet. *Exemplum Dedi Vobis* means "I have given you an example," (John 13:15).

Bishop Muhich met Mary Lou Jennings, Founder, and executive Director of the Sister Thea Bowman Foundation when he served as a priest in the Diocese of Duluth and joined her in her efforts to support Thea Bowman scholars pursuing Catholic post-secondary education. As a newly ordained Bishop, he tirelessly advocated for our scholars and took on the task of the annual Bishops Appeal that grew to be one of the Foundation's largest annual appeals.

In addition to Bishop Muhich serving on the Sister Thea Bowman Foundation Board of Directors, Pittsburgh, PA; he also served as the Region VIII Bishops (MN, ND and SD) representative to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2021-2023; and the USCCB Subcommittee on Native American Affairs, 2021-present.

We are grateful to God for Bishop Muhich's dedication to the Foundation and his service on the Board for over 20 years. We pray for his soul in the sure hope that he now dwells in the loving presence of God.