



+July 20, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace of Christ be with each of you.

Today Pope Francis has appointed me bishop of Reno, Nevada. These past four years in Western Washington have been such a blessed experience. Thank you for your welcome and reception of me as an auxiliary bishop in Western Washington.

Please pray for me and the Church in Reno during this transition and beyond. I also ask that you join me in offering a prayer of gratitude to our Lord for the blessings he has bestowed upon all of us. Lastly, please join me in praying for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and our apostolic nuncio, Archbishop Christophe Pierre, that the Lord will bless them with wisdom, health and encouragement in their ministries. I am particularly grateful to our Holy Father for this appointment.

I also want to thank Archbishop Paul D. Etienne and Archbishop J. Peter Sartain for the outstanding mentorship they provided during my ministry here in the Archdiocese of Seattle. I learned so much from each of them and look forward to continuing their mentorship as I now assume the responsibilities of an ordinary in another diocese. I also want to thank Bishop Elizondo for his fraternal guidance and congenial accompaniment through the many challenges of these past four years.

Most of all, I hope to continue the bonds of spiritual friendship that have been forged in such a short time. These past four years have been a blessing for me as I hope they have been for you as well. I will be leaving the Archdiocese of Seattle in early September to prepare for the installation Mass in Reno, which is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Friday, September 24.

Please know that I will continue to pray for you, and I ask your continued prayers for me. With every best wish and an assurance of prayers, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Daniel Mueggenborg".

Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg