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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today I begin my ministry as the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Reno. I am humbled, grateful and over-joyed with the opportunity to serve you, the people of Northern Nevada. I thank our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for this appointment and the opportunity to serve the Church in the American West. I grew up in rural western Oklahoma, so Nevada feels like home to me!

I am looking forward to working with you to continue important accomplishments through our faithful ministries of Catholic education, charitable services, and parish life. I also look forward to partnering with all who share our desire to protect and promote human life in all stages and states.

Visiting our parishes and schools is a high priority for me. I joyfully anticipate these visits and the opportunity to learn more about the many ways in which we are already fulfilling our God-given mission of making disciples. Though it may take some time for me to visit every parish and mission, I want you to know that I look forward to personal encounters with you and hearing about your experiences of life and faith.

As I embark on this chapter of pastoral life, I humbly ask you to pray for me — that I will be the bishop the People of God need to lead them closer to Jesus. With God's help, I hope to serve in this office in the best possible way so as to strengthen the Church and to promote the Gospel, which benefits us all.

Finally, I would like to thank Bishop Calvo for his nearly sixteen years of spiritual and administrative leadership of the Diocese of Reno. He accomplished many important works during his years here, and I am grateful to build on the foundation he has established.

There is so much I want to explore in Northern Nevada! I am looking forward to learning more about our diocese and about the rich history of this part of the United States. I cannot wait to share this journey with you. Be assured, you are already in my prayers, and I ask to remain in yours,

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg  
Bishop of Reno