



**Statement from  
The Most Reverend Paul J. Swain  
Bishop of Sioux Falls  
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On the Death of George McGovern**

On behalf of Catholics in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, East River South Dakota, I offer our sympathy and promises of prayer to the family of Senator George McGovern at his passing from this life.

He served the state and nation with courage and distinction over many decades while modeling humility and civility in public life. Especially significant was his advocacy for the poor and under-nourished both here in South Dakota and around the world.

As an educator focusing on social justice, Senator McGovern will be remembered for personally living the corporal works of mercy to feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty. Many were given new opportunities to live healthy and productive lives because of his efforts.

May he rest in peace.