



Statement on the appointment of Bishop Gruss to Saginaw
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Earlier today Pope Francis named Bishop Robert Gruss of Rapid City as the seventh bishop of Saginaw, Michigan. I offer my sincere congratulations and best wishes to him as he undertakes this new ministry.

It has been my privilege to work with him over these past 8 years, especially in moments where both South Dakota dioceses were involved. I think particularly of our collaboration in establishing the South Dakota Catholic Conference, which has become a meaningful way to better address public policy concerns and matters of Catholic teaching in our state.

While I will miss our working together, I ask the Lord to richly bless him in his leadership of the Diocese of Saginaw. I promise to pray for Bishop Gruss, the Diocese of Saginaw and the Diocese of Rapid City.