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The Most Reverend Steven Biegler is named the new Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne.

Cheyenne, Wyoming: March 16, 2017 – The Holy Father, Pope Francis, today announced the appointment of The Most Reverend Steven Biegler as the Ninth Bishop of Cheyenne.

Bishop-elect Biegler will take possession of this Diocese at a special ceremony June 5, 2017.

Bishop-elect Biegler, 57, is pastor of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Rapid City, South Dakota. Bishop-elect Biegler is also the Vicar General for the Diocese of Rapid City.

Bishop-elect Biegler was born on March 22, 1959, in Mobridge, South Dakota, to Alfred (deceased) and Mary Biegler. He has twelve brothers and sisters. One sister is deceased.

He graduated from Timber Lake High School in 1977. He attended the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City for one year (1977-78). During the next eight years, he worked on the family ranch. Then he attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary and St. Mary's College, Winona, Minnesota, (1986-89) and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy. From 1989-1993, he attended the North American College in Rome where he received an STB (Bachelor of Sacred Theology) at the Pontifical Gregorian University. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Rapid City, South Dakota in Timber Lake, South Dakota, on July 9, 1993. From 2006-2007, he attended the University of St. Thomas in Rome where he received an STL (License in Biblical Theology).

Assignments and Appointments:

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| 1993-1994 | Associate Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral, Rapid City, SD |
| 1994-1996 | Administrator, Immaculate Conception, Bonesteel; St. Anthony's, Fairfax; St Francis Xavier, Ponca Creek, SD |
| 1996-2003 | Co-Pastor, St. Bernard, McLaughlin; St. Bonaventure, McIntosh; St. Aloysius, Bullhead; Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mother, Kenel; St. Bede, Wakpala; St Michael, Watauga, SD (2001-2003) |

2003-2006 Director of Apostolic and Pastoral Formation, North American College, Rome
2006-2007 Assistant to the Rector of the Casa Santa Maria, Rome
2007-2010 Chaplain, Rapid City Catholic Schools; Chaplain, SDSM&T Newman Center; Pastoral Ministry, St. Michael, Hermosa, SD
2010-2011 Diocesan Administrator, Diocese of Rapid City, SD
2011-2015 Pastor, Our Lady of the Black Hills, Piedmont, SD
2016-2017 Pastor, Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rapid City, SD

Diocesan Offices:

1998-2003 and 2009-2017 College of Consultors, Presbyteral Council

2013-2017 Vicar General

Associations:

Jesus Caritas fraternity

Bishop-elect Biegler will become the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne, succeeding The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne who served the Diocese of Cheyenne from December 9, 2009 to November 9, 2016. Since November, Father Carl Gallinger, pastor of St. Joseph in Cheyenne, Wyoming, has been the Diocesan Administrator. He will continue in this capacity until the newly appointed Bishop is installed June 5, 2017.

Established in 1887, the Diocese of Cheyenne is home to over 54,000 Catholics. It has 37 parishes and 35 missions. There are 52 active priests, 15 retired priests, 37 deacons, and 9 sisters.

A press conference will be held in Cheyenne at the chancery office at 2121 Capitol Ave, at 10am this morning.