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"I have to be attentive to what Christ wants.

That will come in the voices of the people. It will come in my own prayer experience.

It will come in reflecting on what has already proven to bear good fruit."

— Archbishop Cupich

Archbishop Cupich was born on March 19, 1949, in Omaha, Nebraska, to Blase and Mary (Mayhan) Cupich. He is the grandson of Croatian immigrants and has five sisters and three brothers.

After he earned a B.A. in philosophy from the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1971, he attended the seminary at the North American College and Gregorian University in Rome where he received his Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology in 1974 and his M.A. in theology in 1975. He received his Licentiate of Sacred Theology (STL) in 1979 from The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. He also holds a Doctor of Sacred Theology in Sacramental Theology from The Catholic University of America, awarded in 1987.

Ordained to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Omaha on August 16, 1975, Archbishop Cupich served as an associate pastor, instructor at Paul VI High School in Omaha, Director of the Office for Divine Worship, Chair of the Commission on Youth, instructor for the Continuing Education of Priests Program and Diaconate at Creighton University, and parish pastor. He also was the Secretary of the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C., and Rector/President at the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio.

Archbishop Cupich was ordained and installed as Bishop of Rapid City, South Dakota, on September 21, 1998. He was officially installed as Bishop of Spokane on September 3, 2010.

Archbishop Cupich served on numerous United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) committees, including those focusing on communications, liturgy, young adults, Native Americans, vocations, the catechism, and Catholic education. He was a member of the Committee on Protection of Children and Young People from 2005 to 2006 and chair from 2008 to 2011. He currently chairs the USCCB Subcommittee on Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

Archbishop Cupich has written pastoral letters on faith, the Eucharist, and discipleship, as well as numerous articles on the mission of the Church, community, priesthood, and moral issues.

*The people of the Archdiocese of Chicago
welcome Archbishop Cupich
and join him in prayer with all the faithful
as they work together united in faith, hope, and charity.*