

# The Diocese of Great Falls

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## TRANSLATION OF THE LATIN DOCUMENT APPOINTING THOMAS J MURPHY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO AS BISHOP OF GREAT FALLS MONTANA

Pope Paul VI, Servant of the servants of God,

To our beloved son, Thomas Joseph Murphy, Rector of the Major Seminary of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Bishop elect of the Diocese of Great Falls: we salute you and give you our Apostolic Blessing. Because of the compelling love of Christ and our solicitude for all the churches, and in order to provide suitable administrators, we confide into your hands the episcopal See of Great Falls, Montana, and its resources. The Sacred Congregation of Bishops has nominated you, and, by virtue of our office, we appoint you as Bishop of Great Falls to succeed our venerable brother, Bishop Eldon Bernard Schuster, who has resigned. Accordingly you are now given the dignity, privileges, and responsibilities associated with the office of a residential Bishop. There is no need for you to be ordained a Bishop in the city of Rome. After the required profession of faith you shall be ordained according to the specified liturgical norms by a Bishop and assistant Bishops of your choice. You shall at the same time renew your allegiance to the Holy Father and to his successors; likewise you will abide by the instructions transmitted to you by the Sacred Congregation of Bishops. We direct, moreover, that this announcement of your appointment as Bishop of Great Falls be made known to the clergy and faithful of the Diocese and that it be proclaimed in the diocesan Cathedral on an appropriate Sunday or Feast Day. We appeal to the sons and daughters of your diocese to receive you as the fatherly pastor of souls, as their teacher, and as the administrator of their church.

Given at Rome at St Peter's.

July 5, 1978, the 16th year of our Pontificate.