

The Most Reverend Stephen J. Berg D.D. is a native of Miles City, Montana. He is the son of Connie and Jeanne Berg and is the oldest of 10 children. He attended Catholic schools in Miles City, graduating from *Sacred Heart High School* in 1969. He earned a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from the *University of Colorado Boulder* in 1973 and a Master of Music from *Eastern New Mexico University* in Portales in 1975.

Upon graduation, Bishop Berg taught music at *Tarrant County College* in Fort Worth. Subsequently, he worked 14 years in the retail nursery industry as vice president and general manager for divisions of *Sunbelt Nursery Inc.* in Fort Worth, Southern California, Phoenix and Atlanta.

Bishop Berg entered *Assumption Seminary* in San Antonio in 1993 where he received a Master of Divinity degree from the *Oblate School of Theology* in 1999. He was then ordained to the priesthood in 1999 by his maternal uncle Bishop Joseph L. Charron, C.PP.S, S.T.D, now the Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa.

After his ordination, Bishop Berg served as a parochial vicar of St. Michael Catholic Church in Bedford, Texas from 1999 to 2001. In 2001, he became parochial vicar of St. John the Apostle Catholic Church in North Richland Hills, Texas. From 2002 to 2008, he was the pastor of four rural parishes: St. Mary in Henrietta, St. Jerome in Bowie, St. William in Montague and St. Joseph in Nocona. In 2008, Bishop Kevin Vann appointed him Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Worth and concurrently, he served as pastor of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church. In 2010, he became the Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese under Bishop Vann and also served as administrator of Holy Name of Jesus parish. Upon Bishop Vann's installation as Bishop of Orange, then Monsignor Berg was elected diocesan administrator in December 2012 by the College of Consultors for the Diocese.

A couple years later, Bishop Berg was ordained and installed as Bishop of Pueblo on February 27, 2014. He was ordained by Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila, Bishop Emeritus Joseph L. Charron of Des Moines and Bishop Michael J. Sheridan of Colorado Springs at a Mass in Pueblo.