

Most Reverend Daniel E. Flores, S.T.D.
Bishop of Brownsville, Texas



For Bishop Daniel E. Flores, it was during high school that he began to consider the possibility of studying for the priesthood. He attended the University of Texas at Austin for two years, before entering Holy Trinity Seminary in 1981, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and a Masters of Divinity in 1987.

In 1988, Fr. Flores was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Corpus Christi. Then, in 1995, Pope John Paul II named him a chaplain to His Holiness, with the honorary title of Monsignor. In 1997, Fr. Flores was sent to Rome to pursue a doctoral degree in the theology of St. Thomas Aquinas. Fr. Flores resided at the North American College, Casa Santa Maria in Rome, while studying at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (the Angelicum). He completed his degree (S.T.D.) in 2000 and returned to Corpus Christi that year, being appointed Chancellor of the Diocese of Corpus Christi.

Following assignments in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and further roles in the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Pope Benedict XVI named Fr. Flores as Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Detroit in 2006. Three years later, on Dec. 9, 2009, the Pope appointed Bishop Flores as the Sixth Bishop of Brownsville. He was installed Feb. 2, 2010, at the Basilica of Our Lady of San Juan del Valle - National Shrine, and thus became the third native Texan to serve the Rio Grande Valley as bishop.

As a member of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Flores currently serves as chairman of the Committee on Cultural Diversity in the Church. He also serves as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty, Committee of Divine Worship, Sub-Committee on Pro-life Activities, and the Committee for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Affairs. He is additionally a member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Relief Services, the charitable arm of the USCCB. Bishop Flores also served on the Ordinary Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod on Synodality and played a critical role in facilitating the diocesan and national stages of the Synod in the United States.