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Rev. Michael J Murphy, a native Clevelander, was ordained a priest in St. John Cathedral in 1942. He is a graduate of Cathedral Latin School and did preordination studies at Niagara University in Niagara Falls, N.Y., St. Mary Seminary in Cleveland, North American College and Gregorian University in Rome, and Catholic University of America's Theological College in Washington, D.C., where he also did postordination studies. His teaching fields are moral-pastoral theology and social ethics.

From 1943 until 1976 he served at St. Mary Seminary, where his various assignments included professor, dean of discipline, vice rector and, from 1963 to 1976, rector. He was ordained a bishop in 1976 and as Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland, was Episcopal Vicar of Summit County until 1978. That year he was named Coadjutor Bishop of Erie, Pa., then served as Bishop of Erie from 1982 until his retirement in 1990. His memberships have included the Ohio Clergy Advisory Board; the Boards of Directors of Cleveland Center on Alcoholism, Cleveland Mental Health Association, and the National Catholic Educational Association; Economic Education Foundation; Board of Trustees, St. Mary Seminary, Baltimore, Md.; Board of Regents, St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pa., and Chair of the Board of Trustees, Gannon University, Erie, Pa. For the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, he has been a member of the Administrative Board; Advisor to and Chair of the Committees on Doctrine and for Priestly Formation; Chair of the Committee for Priestly Life and Ministry; and a member of the Committees on Doctrine, Human Values, Pastoral Life and Ministry, and the Collegeville '86 Committee.

At present he is a member of the Board of Trustees of Gannon University and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He is a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for Review of Scripture Translations and liaison for the Ad Hoc Committee for Life and Ministry of Bishops. Bishop Murphy's special honors have included Papal Chamberlain, Domestic Prelate, National Catholic Education Association's Bishop Loras Lane Award, Villa Maria College's Unitas Award, and The Archbishop Gannon Medal of Distinction.

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