



**Statement from  
Most Reverend Paul J. Swain  
Bishop of Sioux Falls  
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On the death of William Janklow**

On behalf of the Catholics of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, eastern South Dakota, I offer our sympathy to the family of Governor William Janklow on his passing and our promises to pray for the repose of his soul and for their consolation in this time of loss.

While I did not have the opportunity to personally work with him, many others in the diocese, including my predecessor bishops, did. Priests, educators, and diocesan staff remember well his deep love for every aspect of South Dakota including its religious heritage. Of special meaning for us was his recognition of the importance of the Church's social and educational ministries and Her outreach to those in special needs. In a particular way, Governor Janklow facilitated the partnership between the diocese, the business community and the South Dakota Housing Authority that led to the development of St. Joseph Catholic Housing which now provides affordable family and senior housing throughout eastern South Dakota. His legacy of respect for life and special caring for the disadvantaged will continue to guide our state.

May he rest in peace.