REVEREND FATHER
PETER BRENDAN MURPHY

Date/Place of Birth: January 13, 1931,
Sioux City, Iowa
Parents: John Murphy and Helen Fitzpatrick
Hometown/School: Sioux City, Iowa –
Cathedral School/Trinity High School
Minor Seminary/College:
Loras College – Dubuque, Iowa
Major Seminary:
St. Paul Seminary – St. Paul, Minnesota
Date/Place of Ordination: June 4, 1955,
Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City, Iowa
Date/Place of Death:
November 8, 1980, Jemez Springs, New Mexico
Place of Interment:
Catholic Cemetery, Jemez Springs, New Mexico
Biographical Note: Father Murphy's ministry was hindered as a result of a long and chronic illness. A tribute paid him in *The Globe* shortly after his death at the still young age of 49 aptly noted: "Every priest tries his best to live up to … being an 'alter Christus,' 'another Christ.' Father Murphy probably most resembles Jesus the eternal high priest in his frustrations. Jesus was so misunderstood by many of the people he loved so dearly…. So, too, Father Murphy felt the frustration of not being understood."

Assignments:

1. **Temporary Assistant – St. Mary Parish – Danbury – 1955**
2. **Assistant Pastor – Assumption Parish – Emmetsburg – 1955-1956**
•   **Faculty – Emmetsburg Catholic High School – Emmetsburg – 1955-1956**
3. **Assistant Pastor – Sacred Heart Parish – Fort Dodge – 1956-1960**

4. Temporary Assistant – St. Michael Parish – Whittemore – 1960
5. Temporary Assistant – Blessed Sacrament Parish – Sioux City – 1960
   (Leave of absence due to ill health from 1960)
6. Locum tenens – St. Joseph Parish/Kossuth County – 1961
7. Temporary Assistant – St. Mary Parish – Danbury – 1961
   (Leave of absence due to ill health from 1961)
8. Temporary Assistant – St. Rose of Lima Parish – Denison – 1964
   (Leave of absence due to ill health from 1964)
9. Temporary Assistant – Sacred Heart Parish – Spencer – 1973
   (Leave of absence due to ill health from 1973)