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RESPECT LIFE MONTH 2023: RADICAL SOLIDARITY

Respect Life Month resources have been developed to assist you in helping parishioners understand and value the gift of human life and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life. A variety of materials are [available to order in print](#) or to download online. Visit respect-life.org/respect-life-month/

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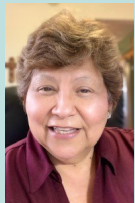
to be courageously pro-woman, promoting a choice that truly protects, accompanies, and supports women and their children

“Radical solidarity compels us to come alongside vulnerable mothers in profound friendship, compassion, and support for both them and their preborn children. It requires us to address the fundamental challenges that lead an expectant mother to believe she is unable to welcome the child God has entrusted to her. We must do all we can to provide mothers, children, and families with the support they need to flourish. This cannot be accomplished by laws or policy alone, but requires the continual transformation of our own hearts.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Respect Life Reflection: “Radical Solidarity”
(respectlife.org/radical-solidarity-reflection)

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A Message from Michelle Montez:



It is my pleasure to present to you once more the *PMD Express*, our monthly newsletter promoting the upcoming activities and services presented or sponsored by the Pastoral Ministries Division (PMD) of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. After a few very challenging years in our Archdiocese, the staff of the PMD remains as dedicated as ever in promoting the vision of the Second Vatican Council for our local Church, under the guidance and leadership of Archbishop John C. Wester. Because of your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal, the pastoral staff continues to assist our pastors, parishes, and laity in developing parish leadership, providing resources and formation, and promoting opportunities for spiritual growth to all the faithful. I encourage you to pursue the opportunities promoted in this month's newsletter and assure you the PMD staff and I support you with our prayers.

Blessings to you and your ministry,

Michelle Montez
Executive Director, Pastoral Ministries Division
Archdiocese of Santa Fe

PMD offerings for Fall 2023

presented by *Sr. Paula Gallagher, IHM*

GOOD LIFE AND WELL BEING

Time: Mondays, October 16, 23, 30; 1 PM—3 PM via Zoom

Jesus says: "I have come that you may have life, and have it abundantly." *John 10:10*. How then are we to live, in co-operation with this grace God is offering us? What is some of the wisdom from Scripture and contemporary times that can keep us walking with God, growing, and thriving, as we go through life? What life habits and spiritual practices sustain us in well-being? What and who are the most important things of all?

SHEPHERDS OF PASTORAL CARE

Time: Mondays, November 6, 13, 20; 1 PM—3 PM via Zoom

We are called to open our hearts to the suffering people God puts in our path and do what we can to walk with them. By right of our Baptism, each of us is called to share in the ministry of pastoral care. In this session we will examine the Catholic tradition of care, and hone our skills for effective listening and ministry. We discuss the pastoral visit to the lonely, sick, elderly, dying and bereaved. We encourage one another to be healthy, holy, balanced givers of care.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS RETREAT: In the Fullness of Time

Saturday, December 9, 9 AM – 1 PM via Zoom

This Advent day of prayer invites us to rest, listen, and give thanks to the God who never lets us go. We celebrate the coming of the Light throughout the season, and wonder again at the mystery of the Incarnation. Contact: Sr. Paula at 505-670-0240 or musicwrit7@aol.com



To register, please click [here](#).

To access the payment page, please click [here](#).

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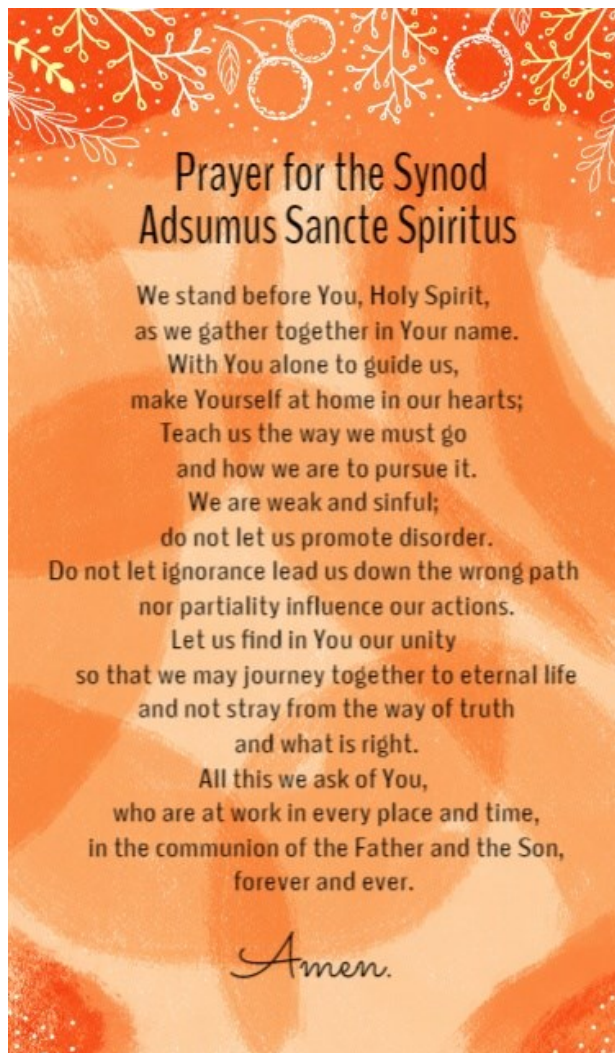
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Pray for the Worldwide Gathering of the Synod of Bishops Synod on Synodality: Communion, Participation and Mission October 2023

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the original Latin, meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit." As we embrace this Synodal Process, the following prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

All Synod documents for each phase of this important listening of the People of God, diocesan, regional, national, and continental are available on the Archdiocese of Santa Fe website along with various other resources to continue the process. Visit our website at archdiosf.org.



PMD MISSION STATEMENT

As members of the Pastoral Ministries Division, under the vision and leadership of Archbishop John C. Wester, we collaboratively serve the whole people of God—laity, lay ecclesial ministers, religious and clergy of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. In the spirit of the Second Vatican Council and in response to our baptismal call, we seek to inspire, form, guide and support the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. Through accompaniment and ministerial presence, we provide leadership development, resources and opportunities for spiritual growth to build up the Body of Christ.

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**QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR THE PASTORAL
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**Formation Classes
(Skills, Theology)**

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Formation Records

Faith Formation Office
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**Mi Casa Es Su Casa Spanish
Newsletter**

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MRC (Library) Materials

The Media Resource Center (MRC) is closed. If looking to return books, DVDs, etc., please use the drop boxes located outside the Catholic Center or Lourdes Hall.

**Parish Pastoral Council
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PMD Express Newsletter

PMD Executive Office
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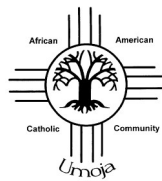
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The Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community Mass Sunday, October 29, 2023 - 12 noon

Please join the Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community Mass on Sunday, October 29, 2023, 12 noon at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph's Dr. NW, Albuquerque. Join us in person or virtually. Mass will be [live-streamed](#) and recorded: Donations can be mailed to the AACC at 4000 St. Joseph Pl. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120 with AACC on memo line or made [securely online](#). For more information, please call 505-401-8983 or 505-831-8167.



Save the Date! November 14 and 16 Webinars on Lent 2024 Rice Bowl Theme and Kick-Off

As you are placing your Rice Bowl orders for Lent 2024, please save the date for a webinar on the 2024 Theme for Rice Bowl. CRS will be hosting both English and Spanish sessions. **English Session:** Tuesday, November 14 at 12pm (MT) and **Spanish Session:** Thursday, November 16 at 7:30pm (MT). Registration begins late-October, more information to come. Rice Bowl websites updates early November. Questions? Contact: crsricebowl@crs.org.

CRS Resources for Advocacy: This is your moment and your movement—are you ready to make a difference?

CRS is focusing advocacy in two areas, persistent hunger, and the impact of climate change on vulnerable people. Our world was created so all people can thrive. Instead, millions of people around the world struggle to survive—afflicted by poverty, hunger, consequences of climate change and other affronts to their human dignity. But it shouldn't be this way—and it doesn't have to be. Together we can build a powerful movement to transform the world so all members of our global family can live in dignity and reach their God-given



potential. Your and your community's voices—your prayers—your support—can provide lifesaving assistance and address

the root causes of poverty. [This is your moment and your movement—are you ready to make a difference?](#)

CRS Rice Bowl Small Grant Process

Background: [Catholic Relief Services](#) (CRS) is the international relief and development agency of the US Bishops. [CRS Rice Bowl](#) is its well-known Lenten catechetical and sacrificial giving program. Each Lent, 75% of the Rice Bowl collection goes to CRS overseas development and hunger relief in places where CRS works. The remaining 25% of the total Lenten Rice Bowl collection goes into the Local Archdiocesan Rice Bowl fund. In keeping with the purpose of the 25% allocation, CRS requests that the 25% be used to support hunger and poverty alleviation programs in our diocese.

Criteria:

- Project/organization within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe that works to alleviate poverty, hunger, or homelessness
- Organization must be a 501(c)3 non-profit or have a non-profit fiscal agent
- Project/organization is connected to, supported by or collaborating with a Catholic parish, school or Archdiocesan entity
- Organization/parish is willing to promote the use of CRS Rice Bowl during Lent, and to let people know it receives funds from CRS Rice Bowl Fund.

Examples of appropriate projects/organizations:

- SVdP-archdiocesan council or parish conference
- Parish soup kitchen or food bank, mobile food pantry
- Emergency food/shelter needs
- Transitional housing support
- Refugee support
- Immigrant support
- Support for homeless people
- Catholic Charities housing, hunger, refugee support
- Parish healthy food education
- Food assistance for women in crisis pregnancies

Time Line For Application: Organizations may apply for funds for local projects each year and may re-apply in subsequent years. The grant requests need to be submitted, by email only, each year by November

1. Award distributions will take place between January and Lent of each year.

Award Amounts: The amount awarded depends on the CRS Rice Bowl Collection from previous Lent and may vary from year to year. Typical grants may be in the range of \$200-\$2,000.

How To Apply: Application form is available on the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Social Justice and Respect Life web page. If you have any questions or need an application, contact the office (see box).

CRS supporting Church partners in Morocco: Emergency Fact Sheet

[Read the Emergency Factsheet](#) outlining CRS' support of emergency relief efforts in Morocco following the earthquake. The global Caritas community, including CRS, is supporting Caritas Rabat with meeting urgent, lifesaving needs, as well as planning for long-term recovery in the most remote areas. This includes emergency safe shelter, food, clean water and hygiene supplies, living supplies such as blankets and kitchen wares, support for medical assistance and counseling as well as plans for the support of longer-term recovery for homes, infrastructure and livelihoods. [Click here](#) for more information or to donate to the emergency relief.

A Renewed Call to Care for our Common Home: Laudate Deum

"The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?" - Pope Francis, Laudate Deum no. 65

Pope Francis released his anticipated follow up to Laudato Si' on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis. In the apostolic exhortation, *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis calls on all Catholics and people of good will to both recognize and work to solve the climate crisis. Pope Francis draws attention to the urgency of this crisis and our need to care for the poor and vulnerable communities which are affected. He calls all of us to take individual actions to limit the impact of our daily lives on the planet and asks us to hold accountable industry and political leaders in making the kind of systemic changes needed. How will you get involved to pray, advocate, and act for our common home? [Read Laudate Deum](#) and [watch a 3 minute video summary](#) of Laudate Deum: [See resources](#) from Catholic Climate Covenant on Laudate Deum.



Action Alert!

- Support the RESTORE Act! End the SNAP benefit ban for people with drug-related felony convictions. Send your message [here](#).
- Tell The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) to leave abortion out of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act! Send your message [here](#).



Living the Season of Creation Nonviolently

Join Catholic Climate Covenant, Laudato Si Movement, Pax Christi USA, and the Ignatian Solidarity Network as we explore the interconnections between gospel nonviolence and care for creation. During this five-week program, learn about the vow of nonviolence and how it can radically transform our way of living as stewards on earth. Receive a weekly email with opportunities to learn, pray, and practice nonviolence. Join us online for reflection sessions and an opportunity to make the vow of nonviolence in community. Use this link to learn more: igsol.net/soc.

Call for Proposals for Catholic Campaign for Human (CCHD) Development Grants

CCHD is the US Bishops' anti-poverty initiative to break the devastating cycle of poverty in America, to defend human dignity, and to assist people to help themselves. Collections are taken in all parishes throughout the US in November, and then are used for grants for community organizing and economic development projects that focus on helping people with a hand up not just a handout. Non-profits (or organizations that have a fiscal agent that is a non-profit) that work with community development or economic development initiatives that focus on empowering low income people may apply for National grants of \$25,000-\$75,000. Smaller "seed" grants of \$1,500-\$10,000 are also available. A "Pre-Application" will be available from September 1-November 1 for "new" organizations (organizations that have never received CCHD National funding or organizations that have not been in the cycle of funding for at least 3 years) seeking National CCHD funding. More information about what is eligible for funding is located on the CCHD [website](#). For small "seed grants," contact the Office (see box).

We are called to be Disciples to Live the Gospel and Respect Life

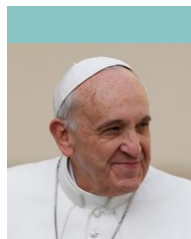
As Catholics, we are called to live the Gospel and assist those who are vulnerable and are most need of our help so let's be the good Dis-

ciple we are meant to be in God's Church by putting our faith into action. With the month of October known as Respect Life month, we must fulfill Christ's command to love one another and honor all life by practicing solidarity and caring for those who are most vulnerable. According to the Gospel of John, Jesus proclaimed "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34) The love that Jesus showed us is the love we are called to show others, most especially those who are vulnerable. As the new CCHD Intern, I am available for presentations on Catholic Social Teaching, Two Feet of Love in Action, and poverty awareness among other topics. To schedule your presentation, contact April (see box).



Project Rachel is a Post-Abortion Healing Ministry in the Catholic Church

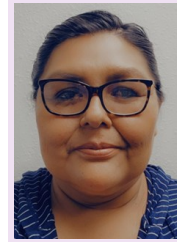
If you have been involved in an abortion decision and now you feel alienated from the Church, God, and your community in Christ, don't despair. The Church wants to help you heal the pain and alienation. We want to help you make a second choice: to accept God's love and forgive yourself. Healing starts here. Call 505-831-8238 for a confidential referral.



POPE FRANCIS QUOTE:
We will feel... effects (of climate change) in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migrations, etc.

This is a global social issue and one intimately related to the dignity of human life. The Bishops of the United States have expressed very well this social meaning of our concern about climate change, which goes beyond a merely ecological approach, because "our care for one another and our care for the earth are intimately bound together. Climate change is one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community. The effects of climate change are borne by the most vulnerable people, whether at home or around the world". (Laudate Deum, 2-3).

Welcome to Our New CCHD Intern for 2023-2024!



Hello, my name is April Pasquale and I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) intern for the Office of Social Justice

and Respect Life for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. I am an Acoma Tribal member and am currently pursuing my Bachelors degree in Social Work at New Mexico Highlands University. I am also a member of the St. Anne's Parish which is a part of the Diocese of Gallup. The Pueblo of Acoma has three churches known as St. Anne located in the village of Acomita, Santa Maria located in the village of McCartys and San Esteban del Rey Mission which is located atop the Old Acoma mesa. I am married and reside on the Pueblo with our four children and our first, newborn grandbaby. The deep roots in my own Tribal culture, language, and traditions as a Native American woman along with the beliefs of the Catholic Church have inspired my passion to help others in all aspects of life and within the community. Raising my own children, I have continued to integrate the same traditions and beliefs. As a Catholic member, I will keep in mind the mission of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development in "breaking the cycle of poverty" by addressing the root causes of poverty. Being able to educate on issues of poverty and unjust systems faced by the vulnerable community, we may be able to take a step forward in making a difference in society. As the new intern, I pray I am able to communicate and actively participate with your parish and assist to the best of my ability. I look forward to faithfully serving and supporting your needs as we are all called to do by the Church. This is a pleasing opportunity as I have great intent to continue serving those within our community and surrounding areas. I will be available for presentations to youth, youth adults and adults in regard to Catholic Social Teaching and issues related to poverty within the Diocese. If you'd like to schedule a presentation, please contact me (see box).

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Mental Illness, Suicide, and Loss through the Eyes of Faith, and Science

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Family Life Office is offering a 2-part presentation on Mental Illness, Suicide & Loss through the Eyes of Faith, and Science. Kathleen Hockey, LISW is offering this presentation. Mental illness, suicide, and suicide loss are often misunderstood leading to discomfort, believing myths, and alienation.

In Part 1 of this two-part presentation, participants will learn how to understand online information about mental illness and suicide, what current research including brain scan technology is discovering, and what to do if you are concerned for someone.

Part 2 provides a thorough understanding about the devastating experience of suicide loss with its unique grief process, the ability of growing from such pain, how the Catholic Church fosters hope and comfort through its teachings, examples of saintly people and scriptural wisdom, and how to be a support to those who are struggling. A handout of resources and a list of reading material is also provided.

The presentation is at no cost and appropriate for clergy, ministers, and laity. For those 18 and older.

The dates for these presentations are November 7 and 14, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 8 pm at Risen Savior Catholic Community, which is located at 7701 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque NM 87109.

To register for this event, please call Yvette (see box).

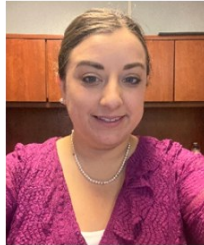
Weekend for Engaged

The next Weekend for Engaged will be November 17-19, 2023 at St. Charles Borromeo Church (1818 Coal Pl SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106). To register go to www.familylifem.org.



Welcome Gabrielle!

Hello! My name is Gabrielle Benitez, and I am the new Secretary in the Pastoral Outreach office. I am excited to work with Deacon Robert Vigil and share in the mission of the Pastoral Ministries Division. One of my greatest joys is my family. My husband Joseph and I have been together since 2010 and we have two children named Joseph (12) and Mia (10). Our family owns a game store in the Old Town Plaza. We spend a lot of time together and enjoy playing board games, having movie nights, and taking road trips to eat tacos at the beach. In my own time I love reading, baking, and prayer. As a graduate student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program at New Mexico Highlands University, I believe that the mental health field is in dire need of Catholic clinicians. Someday I hope to serve individuals suffering with depression, anxiety, substance use disorders, and more. I have a special place in my heart for St. Maximilian Kolbe, St Francis de Sales, and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal. I am an avid collector of rosaries and I'm always looking for a great book recommendation. Please stop by Lourdes Hall Room 100 and say 'Hello'. I look forward to working with all of you!



Thresholds Prayer Group

Join us **every Wednesday** at 7:30PM as we pray the rosary. We dedicate the rosary to those in Prison, their family members, and victims/survivors. Please share the link with Mentees, Alumni, and anyone you feel will be interested. Join through Zoom - <https://zoom.us/j/92681353732> [pwd=eUc4QXFuNUtZa1E1eHNFbGNWdU8rZz09](https://zoom.us/j/92681353732?pwd=eUc4QXFuNUtZa1E1eHNFbGNWdU8rZz09).



Upcoming Thresholds Graduation Ceremony

Friday, November 3 at 6pm at the Catholic Center. A formal invitation will be coming soon. Save the date!

Save the Date!

Our Annual Advent Celebration which will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2023 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm. All we ask is that you bring a new unwrapped toy to be donated to The Albuquerque Indian Center. More information will be coming soon!

Native American Ministry Scholarships

This year the Native American Office was very happy to award 29 Native children attending Catholic School funding from the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Scholarship Fund. Below is the list of those students from Kindergarten to 12th Grade: Kenneth Padilla, Valentina Bilagody, Paislee Cordova, Abigail Zuni, Tishinna Bilagody, Menelaus Lee, Troy Trujillo, Mariah Davis, Catrina Jaramillo, Emily M. Perez, Newt Tsosie, Cornell Davis, Cody Tsosie, Lilly Belle Sandoval, Madison Zuni, Davion Trujillo, Mylana Lee, Earon Trujillo, Chad Tsosie, Kayla Padilla, Jayden Daniel, Kenneth Jojola, Anika Lynn, Nathan Abeita, Olivia Gomez, Christopher Gomez, Kyleigh Gomez, Keith Gomez and Amelia Gomez. Special thanks to the Black and Indian Missions Office for providing our scholarship funding this year. If you would like to contribute to the Kateri Tekakwitha Scholarship fund, please contact Shirley Zuni (see box).

Native American Advisory Meeting

The next NAM Advisory Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 from 10:00am– 12:00pm in the Manzano Room.

Schedule for 2023 Priest Convocation

Tuesday, October 24, 2023
 10:00am – 5:00pm at Prince of Peace Parish.

Theme: “Re-Build My Church” Initiative

Please keep our priests in prayer.

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A Day of Reflection with Wesley Granberg-Michelson
 Contemporary Challenges to World Wide Christianity

Presentations:

- Change in World Christianity: What United States Faith Communities Can Learn
- Signs of Hope: What the Spirit Is Doing in Shaping the Future



Wesley Granberg-Michelson
 A respected writer, speaker, and leader in the faith and justice communities, Wesley has served as General Secretary of the Reformed Church and Director of Church & Society for the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland. His most recent book is *Without Oars: Casting Off into a Life of Pilgrimage*. He lives in Santa Fe.

Shalom and Salaam, let us stand in prayerful solidarity with the people of the Holy Land

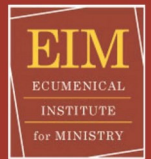
Mary of Nazareth, who is both Jewish and Palestinian, extend your mantle of mercy over all the peoples of the Holy Land -- Jews, Muslims, Christians, Palestinians, Israelis, migrants, and refugees. Mother of the Messiah, show us how to be instruments of healing and peace in the midst of war, occupation, terrorism, and divisions. Give us an embracing love for all in the Holy Land, especially hostages, innocent victims, the homeless, and the dying. Mary our Mother, given to us by Jesus on the cross, pray for us.



By Stephen J. Binz

Saturday, October 28, 2023
 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Norbertine Abbey
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Commons



Registration: \$25.00 per person which includes lunch
 Send registration including name, address, and email address by October 21, 2023 to:
 5825 Coors Blvd, SW Albuquerque, NM 87121
 (Scholarships available)
 To register online: <https://norbertinecommunity.org/dayofreflection>
 Or scan the code to the right.



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MASS IN SPANISH IS BROADCAST EVERY SUNDAY ON CHANNEL 50 (My50TV-KASY)

In an effort to offer Sunday Mass in Spanish each week, not only during the time when parishioners are unable to attend Sunday Mass in their parishes due to the COVID 19 contingency, the Hispanic Ministry and Liturgy offices broadcast the Mass in Spanish on television each week. These Masses are broadcast every Sunday at 7:00am on My50TV (KASY) - channel 50 on regular television (check with your television signal provider for other channels). Please share this information with anyone who may benefit from this broadcast.



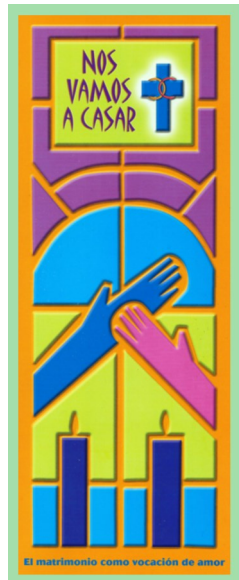
For any questions regarding the transmission of the Mass in Spanish, please call the Hispanic Ministry Office (see box). Holy Mass can also be heard on the radio every Sunday on KNMM 1150 AM and 102.1 FM in Albuquerque at 7:00am and KNMX 540 AM in Las Vegas, NM at 8:00am.

Marriage Preparation Retreat “Nos Vamos a Casar” (presented in Spanish)

The Archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry, in collaboration with the Office of Family Life, invite all Spanish speaking couples who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage to participate in a marriage preparation retreat “Nos Vamos a Casar”. This retreat is one of the approved programs in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

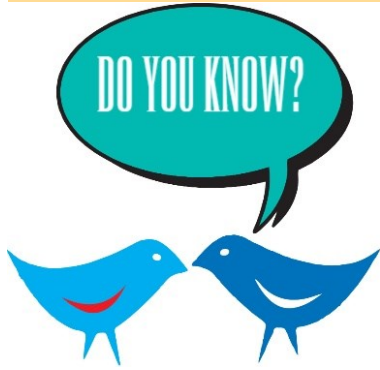
Now that the capacity of the churches and the celebration of the sacraments is gradually expanding, there has been a great demand for Marriage Preparation Retreats. The next Retreat will take place on October 28 and 29, 2023. (Normally these retreats are held only four times during the year.)

Couples interested in participating in an upcoming marriage preparation retreat are asked to contact the Hispanic Ministry Office directly for the most recent information (see box).



Save the Date!
 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
 Friday, December 1
 at 6pm
 San Jose in Albuquerque

Recordings of these Masses can also be viewed from 4:30pm on Saturday (pre-Sunday mass) via the Internet by visiting the following link: <http://hispanicministryasf.org/tv-and-radio-programs/video-collection/>.



THE SPEAKER'S APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

Many ministry groups and parishes seek to invite Speakers and Musicians for presentations and other events for their parish or organization. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe has a simple, but important, process for vetting speakers and/or musician(s) invited by a parish or ministry groups to offer a presentation, conduct a retreat, perform a concert, etc.

Speakers who are laity from outside the Archdiocese of Santa Fe are asked to:

1. **Submit a Speaker Application form:** Here is the link for the speaker application: <https://form.jotform.com/213504712055143>
2. **Request and submit a letter from their Bishop/Religious Superior:** This letter is to be addressed to Archbishop John C. Wester, 4000 St. Joseph's Place NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. The letter must specifically state who has invited the speaker or musician(s), and where and when they will be speaking. The letter must attest to the person's suitability to present, the orthodoxy of their teaching, and that there are no credible accusations of misconduct against this individual. The letter must carry the seal of the Diocese or religious order.
3. **Proof of Virtus (child protection) training** must be submitted and be current (taken within the last five years.) Usually, the certificate that is offered upon completion of the training will suffice.
4. **Proof of clear criminal background check.** The person who has been invited can usually obtain this proof through the Office of Safe Environment/Child Protection from their Diocese. Some Dioceses do not include background checks at the time of Virtus/Child Protection training. Please check with your Diocese.

Timeline for Speakers Approval

Individuals seeking Speaker's Approval should submit their information as soon as possible. It can take up to three months to obtain approval, depending upon document submission. It is the responsibility of the inviting parish, organization, and/or the speaker to provide required documents to the Archdiocese.

If the individual seeking Speaker's Approval is a member of the Clergy:

A letter of good standing from the bishop, vicar general, or vicar for clergy must be submitted to Archbishop John C. Wester at the address above.

If the individual is an international speaker (a person coming from another country):

1. The speaker would need to present an in-country background check, in addition to proof of Child Protection Training. Please note that these items will need to be paid for by the host. Please contact Annette Klimka, Victim's Assistance coordinator, aklimka@asfnm.org with any inquiries. In-country investigations for international speakers can take a few weeks, so the sooner the host begins the process, the better.
2. The invited Speaker will also need to present a letter of good standing to Archbishop Wester from their bishop/vicar general per the speaker policy.

Document Submission and Approval Notification:

Hard copies need to be mailed directly to the archbishop's office at the address cited above. All documents can also be submitted electronically to Denise Frias at dfrias@asfnm.org.

Once all documents are received, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Speakers Committee reviews the file and makes a recommendation to the Vicar General who represents the Archbishop in these matters. The Vicar General informs the committee of his decision, and the Executive Office of the Pastoral Ministries Division contacts the invited individual and/or the host to inform them of their Approved Speaker status. If you have any questions about this process please contact Michelle or Denise (see box).

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40th Annual Archdiocesan Roman Catholic Youth Conference

40 a. Conferencia Anual
Arquidiocesana Católica Romana
para Jóvenes

NOVEMBER 4, 2023 | SAN JOSE CATHOLIC PARISH, ABQ

HE LEAVES THE

MATTHEW
18:12

What do you think? If a man owns a
hundred sheep, and one of them wanders
away, will he not leave the ninety-nine
on the hills and go to look for the one
that wandered off?



ARCHDIOCESE of
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TO FIND THE ONE

November 4, 2023
San Jose Parish
2401 Broadway Blvd. SE
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**Registration for this event has closed. Thank you for your support.
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Saturday, November 4, 2023 starting at 8:30am ending with 5pm Mass with Archbishop Wester and Parish Community at San Jose Parish (2401 Broadway Blvd. SE Albuquerque, NM 87102). Keynote Speaker: Pat Millea. Registration for this event has closed. Thank you for your support. Please keep our youth in prayer during this special event!

2023 Adult Confirmation will be celebrated on:

- Friday, October 27, 2023 at 7pm at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande in Albuquerque
- Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 1pm at Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe

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Prayer for Vocations

God our Father,
 We thank You for calling men and women to serve in Your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, consecrated persons and dedicated lay ministers.

Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call.

May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults.

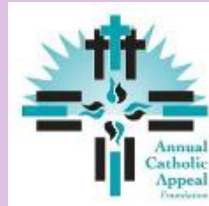
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



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