

PEOPLE of GOD

Serving the multicultural people of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe
www.archdiosf.org



August 2020
Vol. 38, No. 7



“Holy Mary, ... Once with your Son you interceded for our difficulties, and full of kindness and patience, you gave us example of how to untie the knots in our life....” (from Pope Francis’ prayer to Mary Undoer of Knots, also known as Mary Untier of Knots)

Mary Untier of Knots, blessed on April 27, 2018, is located on the east side of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe. You are invited to visit with her and leave you “knots of life” with her.

Leslie M. Radigan/ASF

Help in Times of Trouble

By Carol Feeney, Project Rachel Coordinator

***Mother of God, Mother of Mankind,
Queen of Heaven, Queen of the Earth, Queen of Peace
Refuge of Sinners, Comforter of the Afflicted,
Mother of Good Counsel***

Christians have given Mary special names over the centuries from their knowledge of her as our powerful intercessor before God. She is an accessible link for us to the supernatural, and she is a universal symbol of maternal love. The names we have given her reflect her mercy, wisdom, protection, and the miracles attributed to her intercession. Some of her names come from the places where she has appeared on earth after her Assumption, with messages for us, pointing us to Jesus.

National Geographic magazine referred to Mary as “the most powerful woman in history” in an article from December 2015 (How the Virgin became the Most Powerful Woman in History). As Christians we also know her as the most pure and humble woman who has ever lived.

During the second century, St. Irenaeus said, “The knot of Eve’s disobedience was untied by the obedience of Mary (Adversus Haereses, III, 22, 4).” This statement may mark the beginning of a devotion to Mary Untier of Knots, who prays for us when we ask for her intercession. Around the year 1700, a German artist painted Mary untying knotted ribbon, the knots symbolizing all the problems offered to her in supplication for her help. The work was inspired by the story of a failing marriage, restored by Mary of Snows, with a miracle involving a ribbon from the couple’s wedding ceremony.

Today the devotion to Mary Untier (or Undoer) of Knots is a special devotion of Pope Francis and believers all over the world. It reflects on Mary helping us find solutions to our problems, which may include stressed relationships, loneliness, remorse, despair, addiction, and grief from abortion. Mary is our example of wisdom, and she asks God to free us from the bondage of these problems.

If you suffer grief and related problems from an abortion decision, there is hope for healing, reconciliation, and freedom. Please call the confidential Project Rachel message line at 505.831.8238.





POPE FRANCIS VATICAN ANGELUS

Pope Francis waves to the crowd in St. Peter's Square from a window of the Apostolic Palace at the Vatican during the Angelus Aug. 2, 2020. (CNS photo/IPA/Sipa via Reuters)

Annual Catholic Appeal Recipient Spotlight

African American Catholic Community

Mission: In the context of our multicultural Church, we support and reinforce the African-American Catholic family and individuals. We invite, challenge and develop an appreciation of our African American culture through liturgical, social, spiritual and educational programs. We pray that our culture will enhance the universality of the Church and the cause of evangelization.

To learn more, visit the ACA website at: <http://www.acaarchdiosf.org>

Click on the 'Ministries and Programs We Support' icon, 'Pastoral Ministries Division,' then 'Social Justice and Respect Life.' From there you will find information on the Social Justice and Respect Life Office, as well as a direct link to the African American Catholic Community website for further details.



People of God Official Magazine of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Publisher: Most Rev. John C. Wester
Editor/Photography/Design:
 Celine Baca Radigan
 cradigan@archdiosf.org

Assistant Editor/Photojournalist:
 Leslie M. Radigan
 lradigan@archdiosf.org
Production: Christine Carter

Published monthly with the exception of July. The Editor reserves the right to reject, omit, or edit any article or advertising copy submitted for publication. All items submitted for consideration must be received by the 10th of the previous month. Check out media kit online @ www.archdiosf.org. *Advertising listings do not imply Archdiocesan endorsement.*

Friend us on Facebook: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official • twitter.com/ASFOfficial • [instagram.com/ASFOfficial](https://www.instagram.com/ASFOfficial)
 4000 St. Joseph Pl. NW • Albuquerque NM, 87120 • (505) 831-8162



Prayer Intentions

AUGUST/ AGOSTO

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

El mundo del mar

Recemos por todas las personas que trabajan y viven del mar, entre ellos los marineros, los pescadores y sus familias.

Inside This Month's Issue

- 2 Help In Times of Trouble, Mary Untier of Knots
- 4 Archbishop's Letter: Even in Uncertain Times, the Lord Journeys with Us
- 8 Vicar General's Corner
- 10 Archbishop Wester's Facebook Live Town Hall
- 12 Abbey Life During the Pandemic
- 13 Archbishop Wester Thanks the Jesuits for 152 Years of Service to ASF
- 14 Reflections on the 75th Anniversary of Hiroshima & Nagasaki
- 20 Very Reverend Glennon Jones: Keeping the Peace
- 22 ASF Recipient of CARES Act
- 24 Supreme Court's Decision on DACA | A Call to Action
- 26 Very Reverend Michael Demkovich, O.P.: "Leaders After My Own Heart"
- 28 Church Ministry in the Midst of COVID - 19
- 30 Social Justice
- 34 Catholic Schools
- 36 Pastoral Ministries Division
- 38 Catholic Charities
- 40 World News
- 46 Archbishop's Schedule

Special Collections

August 15-16, 2020
 Catholic Charities - Archdiocesan campaign to benefit the programs and services that the Catholic Charities provides

September 12-13, 2020
 Seminarian Support - Archdiocesan campaign for the support of local seminarians in their studies and formation.

Together We Can Reach Our Goal!



Our Goal
\$3,000,000

67%

Your donation will remain confidential, and is protected within the Annual Catholic Appeal Foundation of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, a New Mexico Non-Profit Corporation, as a separate organization. Your donation does not fund legal claims. Visit our new ACA Website at: www.acaarchdiosf.org to donate to ACA 2020, watch Archbishop Wester's ACA video, and much more!

Abide in Christ

Even in Uncertain Times, the Lord Journeys with Us



Archbishop John C. Wester

The story of Henny Penny (or as we know her in the United States, Chicken Little) reminds us that we should not give into mass hysteria. And yet hysteria seems like a natural response to all that is going on these days. As we deal with our Chapter 11 reorganization plan and at the same time cope with COVID-19, it seems that we exist in the eye of a perfect storm. Add to these challenges the polarization in our society and Church, the cry of those who have been kept down and even killed because of racism, and the perennial difficulties many of us feel here in New Mexico such as poverty, violent crime and addiction, then you will

not wonder why so many of us feel as if the "sky is falling" and we turn to our God.

Bishop Robert McElroy, in his homily at the ordination of the new auxiliary bishop in San Diego, Ramón Bejarano, said in reference to the pandemic, "Finally, and most profoundly, the pandemic has destroyed our individual and collective feelings of security on every level -- personal health, financial security, safety, and relationships. We have come face-to-face with the existential reality that we are not in control and that the security we had treasured and presumed is an illusion."

Here in New Mexico, one of the earliest images of Mary brought from Spain was Our Lady of the Assumption and that statue we honor as Our Lady of Peace in our cathedral. Given these realities, it is timely that we reflect on Mary during the month of August when we celebrate her Assumption into heaven. Mary was no stranger to these feelings of insecurity and to seemingly insurmountable challenges. At the Annunciation, she faced the fear and uncertainty of conceiving through the power of the Holy Spirit even as she was

betrothed to Joseph. There was no room in the inn so she had to desperately find shelter in a stable in order to give birth. Simeon predicted suffering for her son as she presented him in the temple. She and Joseph had to flee to Egypt because Herod was killing all children under the age of two. She felt the anxiety and fear of losing her child in the temple. She heard people whispering that her son was mad. She stood at the foot of the cross. And yet despite all of these challenges, difficulties and concerns, God was with her always. This providential and compelling love of God in Mary's life found complete expression as she was assumed into heaven, body and soul, to live with her son forever. The Assumption stands as a symbol of hope and of God's unfathomable love in the life of Mary just as it reminds you and me of that same love God has for all of us. God will never abandon us, even in the most difficult of times -- especially in the most difficult of times. This is Good News, and right about now we can use some really good news!

But we do not have to wait until heaven for God to care about us. God cared for Mary throughout her life just as he cares for us throughout

our lives. After all, Jesus was with Mary throughout his early life and remained with her after his death through the power of his resurrection. Mary knew the consolation of her son's presence in her life and she felt the warmth of his love and the encouragement that belief in her son brought her.

That same Jesus is with you and me throughout our trials and difficulties these days. Jesus promised to be with us always until the end of the age. And he is. Even when we cannot get to church because we have compromised immune systems or protocols will not allow our churches to be full, we still have the real and constant presence of our loving Christ in our lives, here with us now. We have traditionally called this actual grace. Every day Christ is gracing us with his love, support, presence and mercy. When situations arise that cause difficulty, Christ gives us the grace to handle them and to grow through them and to find new life in them. Typically, Christ's grace works in our normal day-to-day lives through natural means. As Christ gives us hope we respond favorably to difficult situations and we do find new life. Sometimes, Christ

intervenes directly and creates a miracle for us. In any case, knowing that Christ is with us, gracing us with his presence, makes all the difference as it alleviates those feelings of insecurity.

But the antidote to “the sky is falling” is not “pie in the sky.” It is important to remember that Christ never promises that nothing bad will happen in our lives. Rather, he promises to be with us always, particularly when bad things happen in our lives. It means that no matter what happens, Christ will always draw us into new life. I think of the Scottish theologian and philosopher, John Macmurray, who described phony religion as, “Don’t worry. That which you fear will never happen to you” and authentic religion as, “Don’t worry. That which you fear very well may happen, but it is nothing to worry about.” Why? Because Jesus Christ is with us, whose “yoke is easy and whose burden is light” (Matthew 11:30)

And as Christ reaches out to us, so must we reach out to one another. We do not simply bask in our own feelings of relief that our faith brings but we seek to bring relief to others as they experience insecurity, challenges and problems. Wearing masks, socially distancing and washing our hands often are signs of our care for one another. Beyond these we are also

called to bring consolation to each other by writing letters, making phone calls or leaving care packages on doorsteps. We must also listen contemplatively to those who are expressing their suffering because of unjust systems, limited opportunities and institutional racism. The dire consequences of slavery in our country continue to be felt and we must do all we can to treat one another with love and respect, seeking to form a more perfect union in which all of us are truly one, as Christ has called us to be one.

As we celebrate Mary’s Assumption this August, we celebrate God’s unfathomable love for her and for all of us. Mary reminds us that her son is with us always until the end of the age. We can hear the echo of Christ’s words “do not fear” in Mary’s magnificent of praise and we can take heart as Mary did, knowing that the Lord journeys with us during these uncertain times. With faith we can see the truth in the words of Julianna Norwich: “All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well!”

Sincerely yours in the Risen Lord,

+ John C. Wester

Most Rev. John C. Wester,
Archbishop of Santa Fe

His Mercy
Endures Forever



Permanecer en Cristo

Dios está a nuestro lado hasta en los momentos más difíciles



Arzobispo John C. Wester

Hay historias que nos recuerdan que no debemos dejarnos llevar por la histeria colectiva.

Y aún así, la histeria parece ser una respuesta natural a todo lo que está pasando en estos días. Mientras en la arquidiócesis nos estamos ocupando de cumplir el plan de reestructuración bajo el Capítulo 11 de la ley de quiebras, y al mismo tiempo de lidiar con la COVID-19, parece que estuviéramos existiendo en el ojo de una tormenta perfecta. Si a las dificultades mencionadas les añadimos: la polarización de nuestra sociedad y de nuestra Iglesia, el clamor de los que han sido mantenidos a raya a causa del racismo e incluso han sido asesinados, y las perennes adversidades que muchos de nosotros palpamos aquí en Nuevo México —como la pobreza, la delincuencia

violenta y la adicción—, entonces no tendríamos que preguntarnos por qué tantos de nosotros sentimos “que el cielo se nos viene encima” y nos volvemos hacia nuestro Dios.

El obispo Robert McElroy, en su homilía durante la ordenación del nuevo obispo auxiliar de San Diego, Ramón Bejarano, se refirió a la pandemia como sigue: “Finalmente, y de manera más profunda, la pandemia ha destruido nuestros sentimientos individuales y colectivos de seguridad en todos los niveles: salud personal, solidez económica, protección adecuada y relaciones personales. Nos hemos encontrado cara a cara con la realidad existencial de que no tenemos el control de nuestra vida y que la seguridad que habíamos atesorado y dábamos por sentada es una ilusión”.

Una de las primeras imágenes de la Virgen María que fueron traídas a Nuevo México desde España fue la de Nuestra Señora de la Asunción. Se trata de la imagen que hoy veneramos en nuestra catedral como Nuestra Señora de la Paz. Ante esta realidad, es oportuno que reflexionemos sobre la Virgen María durante el mes de agosto, cuando celebramos su Asunción al cielo. María no era ajena a los sentimientos de inseguridad ni a las pruebas aparentemente insuperables. Al momento de

la Anunciación, se enfrentó al miedo y a la incertidumbre de concebir por obra del Espíritu Santo aunque estaba prometida a José. Como no había espacio en la posada, desesperadamente tuvo que buscar refugio en un establo para poder dar a luz. Simeón predijo el sufrimiento de su hijo Jesús cuando lo presentó en el templo. Ella y José tuvieron que huir a Egipto porque Herodes había mandado a matar a todos los niños menores de dos años. Ella sintió ansiedad y miedo cuando su hijo se quedó rezagado en el templo. Percibió que la gente murmuraba que su hijo estaba loco. Permaneció al pie de la cruz. Y aún así, a pesar de todas las pruebas, las dificultades y las preocupaciones que tuvo que enfrentar, Dios estuvo siempre a su lado. El amor providencial y convincente de Dios en la vida de María encontró una completa expresión al ser elevada al cielo, en cuerpo y alma, para vivir con su hijo para siempre. La Asunción es un símbolo de esperanza y del amor insondable de Dios en la vida de María. A la vez, nos recuerda a todos que Dios tiene el mismo amor por cada uno de nosotros. Dios nunca nos abandonará, ni siquiera en los momentos más difíciles.

Pero no tenemos que esperar hasta llegar al cielo para que Dios se preocupe por nosotros. Dios se preocupó por María a lo largo de su vida al igual que se preocupa por

nosotros a lo largo de nuestra vida. Después de todo, Jesús estuvo con María durante toda su vida y permaneció con ella después de su muerte, a través del poder de su resurrección. María sentía que la presencia de su hijo en su vida le daba consuelo y sintió el calor de su amor, así como también el ánimo que le infundió la fe en su hijo.

Es el mismo Jesús que está siempre con todos nosotros en la actualidad, cuando estamos enfrentándonos a nuestras pruebas y dificultades. Jesús prometió estar junto a nosotros siempre, hasta el final de los tiempos. Y lo está. Incluso cuando no podemos acudir a la iglesia porque ponemos en peligro nuestro sistema inmunitario o porque los protocolos sanitarios no permiten las aglomeraciones en nuestras iglesias. Aún así, en todo momento de nuestra vida, contamos con la presencia real y constante de un Cristo amoroso. Tradicionalmente, hemos considerado que en eso consiste la verdadera gracia. Cada día Cristo nos bendice con su amor, apoyo, presencia y misericordia. Cuando surgen situaciones que nos resultan difíciles, Cristo nos da la gracia necesaria para manejarlas, perfeccionarnos a través de ellas y encontrar nueva vida gracias a ellas. Típicamente, la gracia de Cristo actúa en nuestra vida cotidiana normal valiéndose de medios

naturales. Conforme Cristo nos hace sentir esperanza, respondemos favorablemente a las situaciones difíciles y sí encontramos una nueva vida. A veces, Cristo interviene directamente y produce un milagro a favor de nosotros. De todos modos, el hecho de saber que Cristo está junto a nosotros, honrándonos con su presencia, es un factor determinante con respecto a aliviar los sentimientos de inseguridad.

Pero el antídoto para esa sensación de que "el cielo se nos viene encima" no es adoptar una actitud de despreocupación. Es importante recordar que Cristo nunca promete que nada malo nos sucederá en nuestra vida. Más bien, promete estar junto a nosotros siempre, especialmente cuando nos ocurran cosas malas. Significa que, pase lo que pase, Cristo siempre nos atraerá hacia una nueva vida. Vienen a la mente las palabras del teólogo y filósofo escocés, John Macmurray, quien describió así la religión falsa: "No te preocupes. Lo que temes nunca te pasará". Y así la religión auténtica: "No te preocupes. Lo que temes podría suceder, pero no hay por qué preocuparse". ¿Por qué? Porque Jesucristo está junto a nosotros: "Pues mi yugo es suave y mi carga liviana" (Mateo 11, 30).

Y así como Cristo se acerca a nosotros, también nosotros debemos acercarnos los unos a los otros. No debemos regocijarnos simplemente por el sentimiento de alivio que nos da la fe, sino buscar la forma de ayudar a los demás cuando estén experimentando inseguridad, dificultades y problemas. Usar mascarillas o protectores faciales, mantener

la distancia física y lavarse las manos con frecuencia suelen ser indicaciones de que nos estamos cuidando mutuamente. Más allá de lo anterior, también estamos llamados a consolar a los demás, ya sea mediante cartas o llamadas telefónicas a personas que viven solas, así como colaborando en el reparto de víveres a domicilio. También debemos escuchar con detenimiento y reflexión a aquellos que están manifestando su sufrimiento debido a sistemas de gobierno injustos, oportunidades limitadas y racismo institucional. En nuestro país se siguen palpando las terribles consecuencias de la esclavitud y debemos hacer todo lo posible por tratarnos con amor y respeto, procurando así formar una unión más perfecta en la que todos seamos verdaderamente uno, como Cristo nos ha llamado a serlo.

Al conmemorar la Asunción de María en este mes de agosto, celebramos el insondable amor de Dios por ella y por todos nosotros. La Virgen María nos recuerda que su hijo siempre está a nuestro lado, hasta el final de los tiempos. Al percibir en el cántico de la Santísima Virgen María (Magnificat) el eco de las palabras de Cristo: "no temáis", podemos infundirnos ánimo, como ella lo hizo, sabiendo que el Señor nos acompaña en estos momentos de incertidumbre. Con fe podemos ver la verdad en las palabras de la mística inglesa Juliana de Norwich: *Todo está bien, cada cosa será para bien*

Sinceramento suyo en el Señor,

+ John C. Wester

Arzobispo John C. Wester

Su misericordia perdura para siempre



Hola, everybody. Well... is hot enough for you? ;) Sure has been a hot one this year, but hopefully we'll be in a downtrend soon. Before you know it we'll be wishing for heat!

Well, the pandemic seems to be continuing to plague us (no pun intended); we're reminded of the quote from Psalm 13: "How long, O Lord?!" Certainly we are all weary of the masks, the restrictions, etc., but when we think of it, this trial for our world is much less than generations past. When we think of those who were young in the beginning of the 1900s having to endure Spanish flu, WWI, the Depression, WWII, the fears of the Cold War, Korea and Vietnam—all within the space of 50-ish years, we are humbled at their resilience, but also reminds us that we are of strong stock! In any event, situations such as we have today remind us to be thankful for all that we have, and so often take for granted.

Not a whole lot on the news front to tell you all about. One of the bigger announcements is that the Jesuits are leaving ABQ's Immaculate Conception after 152 years, sometime early in 2021. Sadly, they're experiencing a shortage of vocations as are many U.S. dioceses and orders these days. That's the same reason the Norbertines had to leave Holy Rosary. We are most grateful to them—and to all of the religious orders in the archdiocese—for their many decades of service to our people.

Now...school openings—what so many are concerned about. Lots of rumors floating around, but we'll be pretty much following the state's guideline, piggybacking off of the medical expertise available to them. The plan is now to

open at reduced daily capacity, and cycling kids through on alternate days in addition to online teaching on their non-present days. Teachers are prepping online stuff now. Gotta' love those teachers! How they love and care for the kids!!

Now, let's see...concerning the chapter 11/bankruptcy, mediations and proceedings are *still* pretty much on hold because of the coronavirus situation. Because of travel restrictions and that many of the primary persons (lawyers, etc.) are over 60 years old, many are very hesitant to travel, and a process like this can't very effectively be done by videoconferencing. Proceedings will likely resume in earnest when travel and meetings can be conducted safely. Let us all continue to pray for the healing of the victims AND the Church.

You may have read about PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loans that the government offered and some churches/schools received. While some news reports give incomplete (and sometimes even biased) information, that money—as it was designed—helped keep staffs employed, especially at the beginning of the pandemic when collections were drastically down. The government has strict accounting requirements for how it's used, so it's not going to any frivolous purposes.

Let's see...Right now it looks like we may have three new seminarians for the fall, *gracias a Dios*. We're keeping pretty steady at around 15 or so the last few years. Keep them in prayer as they discern whether to go all the way to ordination. I also know a couple of young women who are entering convents in the near future, which brings us all happiness beyond words. Pray for them and our seminarians—they have a difficult row to hoe over the next several years in their discernments. And encourage our young lads and lasses to at least explore vocations and religious life; sometimes it just takes a little encouragement to lead them down the path.

Well...everybody continue to be careful. Yes, I know I sound like your dad when you drove off...but they don't call us priests "father" for nuthin'—we worry about our "kids"!

So, be safe...and take care!

Fr. Glenn

Desde el Rincón del Vicario General

Hola a todos. ¿Qué tal el calor, eh? Sin duda este año ha sido un año caluroso, pero con suerte pronto comenzaremos la bajada. ¡Antes de que nos demos cuenta, estaremos deseando el calor!

Bueno, la pandemia parece que continúa plagándonos (no es un juego de palabras); nos recuerda la cita del Salmo 13: "¿Cuánto tiempo, Señor?!" Ciertamente todos estamos cansados de las máscaras, las restricciones, etc., pero si lo pensamos bien, esta prueba para el mundo de hoy es mucho menor que la de las generaciones pasadas. Cuando pensamos en aquellos que eran jóvenes a principios de los años 1900, teniendo que soportar la gripe española, la Primera Guerra Mundial, la Depresión, la Segunda Guerra Mundial, los temores de la Guerra Fría, Corea y Vietnam, todo esto en el transcurso de 50 años, nos sentimos humildes por su resistencia, pero también nos recuerda a todos que somos de buena procedencia. De cualquier modo, situaciones como las de hoy nos recuerdan que debemos estar agradecidos por todo lo que tenemos, y que a menudo lo damos por garantizado.

No hay mucho que contar en el frente de las noticias. Uno de los grandes anuncios es que los Jesuitas estarán dejando la Parroquia de la Inmaculada Concepción de ABQ después de 152 años, en algún momento a principios del año 2021. Lamentablemente, ellos están experimentando una escasez de vocaciones, como pasa en muchas diócesis y órdenes de EE.UU. en estos días. Esa es la misma razón por la que los Norbertinos tuvieron que dejar la parroquia del Santo Rosario. Estamos muy agradecidos con ellos y con todas las órdenes religiosas de la arquidiócesis por sus muchas décadas de servicio a nuestro pueblo.

Ahora... las aperturas de escuelas – lo que a tantos más les preocupa. Hay muchos rumores, pero seguiremos las directrices del estado, aprovechando la experiencia médica disponible. El plan es abrir con una capacidad diaria reducida y alternar los días en los que los estudiantes estarán presentes, además de la enseñanza en línea en los días en los que no estarán presentes. Los maestros están preparando ahora lo necesario para la enseñanza en línea. ¡Hay que admirar a estos profesores!

¡Cómo aman y cuidan a sus estudiantes!

Ahora, veamos... con respecto al capítulo 11/ bancarrota, las mediaciones y los procedimientos están todavía en espera debido a la situación del coronavirus. Debido a las restricciones de viaje y a que muchas de las personas principales (abogados, etc.) tienen más de 60 años, muchos vacilan en viajar, y un proceso como este no se puede hacer muy eficazmente por videoconferencia. Es probable que los procedimientos se reanuden en serio cuando los viajes y las reuniones puedan realizarse con seguridad. Sigamos rezando por la sanación de las víctimas y de la Iglesia.

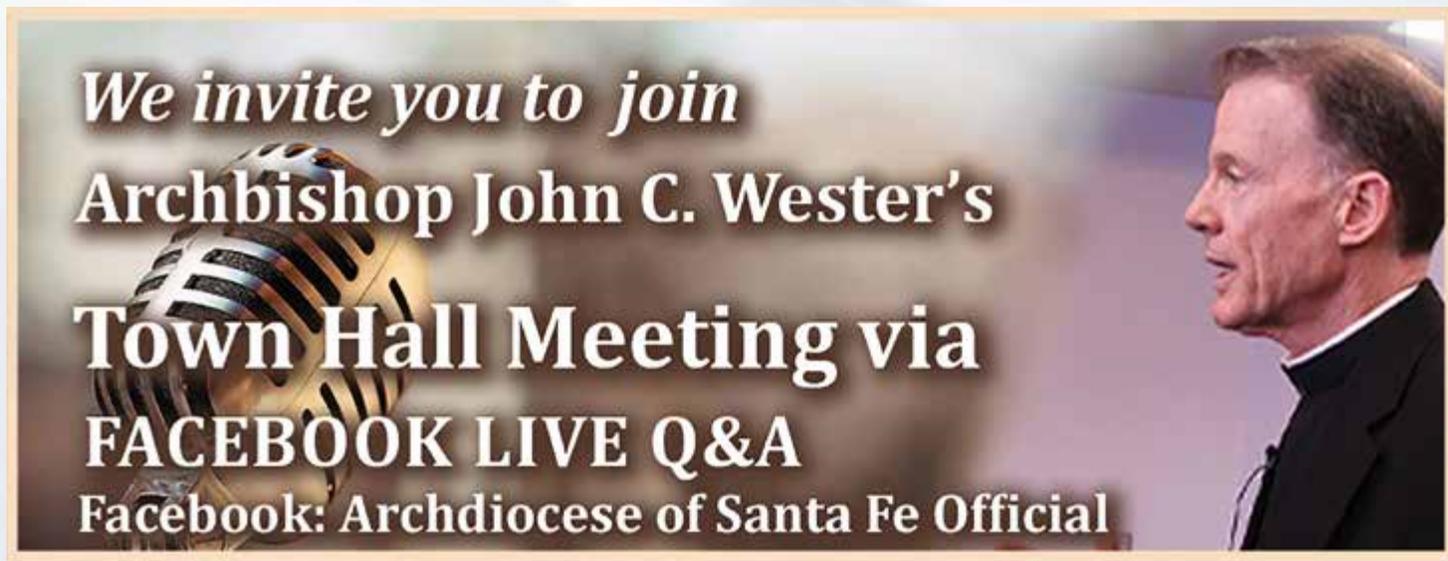
Puede que hayan leído u oído hablar de los préstamos del PPP (Programa de Protección de Cheques) que el gobierno ofreció y algunas iglesias/escuelas recibieron. Aunque algunos informes noticiosos dan información incompleta (y a veces hasta con prejuicios), ese dinero, tal como fue diseñado, ayudó a mantener al personal empleado, especialmente al comienzo de la pandemia cuando las colectas se redujeron drásticamente. El gobierno tiene estrictos requisitos de contabilidad sobre cómo se usan esos fondos, así que no se van a utilizar para propósitos sin importancia.

Veamos... Ahora mismo parece que tendremos tres nuevos seminaristas para el otoño, gracias a Dios. Nos hemos mantenido bastante estables con alrededor de 15 o más seminaristas en los últimos años. Manténgalos en oración mientras disciernen si van a continuar hasta la ordenación. También conozco a un par de jóvenes mujeres que entrarán en los conventos en un futuro próximo, lo que nos trae a todos una felicidad más allá de las palabras. Oren por ellas y por nuestros seminaristas, que tienen una difícil tarea que cumplir en los próximos años en su discernimiento. Y animen a nuestros jóvenes y muchachas al menos a explorar las vocaciones y la vida religiosa; a veces sólo hace falta un poco de estímulo para llevarlos por el camino.

Bueno... todos, sigan teniendo cuidado. Sí, ya sé que sueno como su padre cuando ustedes salen... pero no en vano nos llaman "padre" a los sacerdotes, ¡nos preocupamos por nuestros "hijos"!

Así que, tengan prudencia... ¡y cuídense!

Padre Glenn



We invite you to join
Archbishop John C. Wester's
Town Hall Meeting via
FACEBOOK LIVE Q&A
Facebook: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official

By Leslie M. Radigan, Office of Communications & Social Media

**The schedule
 through
 October 2020
 is as follows:**

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. MT
 English

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. MT
 Spanish

Wednesday, August 12

Wednesday, August 26

Wednesday, September 9

Wednesday, September 23

Wednesday, October 7

Wednesday, October 14

In July 2020, Archbishop John C. Wester began a new archdiocesan-wide town hall series hosted by the Offices of Communications/Social Media, Worship and Hispanic Ministry. The purpose of the town hall is to invite people of God to ask Archbishop Wester questions they may have concerning the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on the faithful. Archbishop Wester will soon tackle a wide range of issues such as systemic racism, immigration, faithful citizenship, and more. You are invited to submit your questions via the form found at archdiosf.org/reopening or asking the questions during the Facebook Live town hall. The next two-part town hall will be Wednesday, August 12. The English town hall will be from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. MT followed by the Spanish town hall from 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. MT via Facebook Live ([Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofSantaFeOfficial)) and on YouTube ([Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official](https://www.youtube.com/ArchdioceseofSantaFeOfficial)). The videos will later be posted online at [Archbishop's Town Hall page](#) or [Reunión Comunitaria con el Arzobispo Wester](#).



Below are consolidated answers to the questions from the last three broadcasts. All town halls are archived on our website, in the videos section of our Facebook page and on our YouTube channel. *Please note the answers reflect the protocols at the time of the broadcast.*

July 1, 2020

Q: Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham stated there won't be any further reopenings, what does that mean for the archdiocese?

A: We will follow what the governor said; individual pastors can be more strict but not more liberal.

Q: Are our churches open to visit? I'm traveling from out of town and I'm interested in visiting some of your churches.

A: Yes, in general we didn't close the churches, we closed public celebration of the sacraments. Churches are open for private prayer.

Q: How many people are allowed to attend an outdoor funeral?

A: No more than 10 at a time, however, there is the opportunity to be creative. If there are more than 10 in attendance, after the ceremony, those who waited in their cars can then come to pay their respects and say prayers in groups of 10 (including the priest).

Q: Will I be committing a mortal sin if I wait to go to Mass until a cure or vaccine is found?

A: No, the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is abrogated until further notice. We encourage you, if you have underlying conditions or are 60 years old or older, to stay home. God does not want you to be fearful about going to Mass. I always say a prayer for Spiritual Communion, a way of asking the Lord to deepen within you a sense of a realization of His presence with us always...His grace and His mercy are in no way going to be short-circuited by our limitations. COVID-19 is not in any way going to stifle the love of God in our lives.

Q: When will we be given our Catholic right to receive the Holy Eucharist on the tongue and not given after the dismissal in hand like getting Jesus on the go?

A: I empathize with people who feel they need to receive the Eucharist on the tongue for their own reasons. You will be able to exercise your right to receive communion on the tongue once the crisis is passed; although you do have the right during this time we also have the responsibility in tandem with that right for the good and safety for other people; we can't endanger other people for the sake of our rights.

Q: If the state isn't open to 100% and churches are still at 25% capacity how is it OK for Catholic schools to open at 100% capacity?

A: The superintendent and principals have been working in tandem assiduously. The children will be put into cohorts and they will be socially distanced, masked and observing the proper protocols (NB: the protocols may or may not have not been changed at the time of this publication). I encourage you to talk to your principals for the full details, but I can assure you the archdiocese are following the protocols very strictly. The Catholic Church believes in the sanctity of human life and we will make sure the people stay safe and healthy.

Q: If a teacher gets sick with COVID-19, do we have to use our sick days for the minimum 14 day quarantine when we aren't given that many sick days to begin with?

A: In general, I've let it be known throughout the archdiocese I do not want anyone in any way to be penalized for doing what they think they need to do (within reason).

Q: Why are we reacting to man stating that there is a pandemic - why do we put so much faith in man?

A: There IS a pandemic; that's a scientific fact. Grace builds on nature so we have to certainly listen to what the scientists and what the doctors tell us.

Q: Churches are open only 25% and restaurants at 50% but both are following all rules staying 6 feet apart and wearing masks. Please explain why we are being treated different by our governor.

A: I am not a spokesperson for the governor, however, the churches are being open 25% because that is what we feel is valid and a good way to go.

TOWN HALL Continued on page 44

Q
&
A



Abbey Life During the Pandemic

As people have across the country and around the world, the Norbertine members of Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey have adapted to life during the COVID-19 pandemic. Common prayer, liturgies, meals, and ordinary at-home tasks are still getting done, but there is physical distancing in the church and in the dining room. There are masks of various patterns and colors, multiple hand sanitizers in each of the buildings, notices reminding people of hand washing and other safety protocols, and the agreement that, except for ministry and essential activities, community members will stay at home.

This has not been easy! The two hospital chaplains reflect on the difficulty, because of hospital restrictions, of not being able to minister directly to patients. Father Robert Campbell, O. Praem. reports: "Last week I stood outside a dying COVID patient's room and prayed from the hallway. Yesterday I celebrated last rites for a non-COVID patient with family members Skyping in for the ritual. I've prayed the prayers of commendation of the dying from the parking lot of a nursing home, the doors barred to outsiders." Father Thomas Pulickal, O. Praem. says, "I cannot give Holy Communion, but I listen to the patients, join in their pain and sorrow and encourage them in their trouble."

Other ministries and events have been affected as well. Liturgies have been cancelled and sacramental celebrations have been put on hold. The absence of parish liturgies allowed Father Peter Muller, O. Praem. and parish members to renovate St. Edwin Church. A farewell drive-by parade for Norbertines and a socially-distanced liturgy celebrating the transfer of Holy Rosary Catholic Community's pastoral leadership to diocesan leadership were beautiful



but subdued – as was the last Mass of Father George Pavamkott, O. Praem. as pastor of St. Augustine Parish in Isleta Pueblo before returning to his community in India.

Asked about how the pandemic has impacted them individually, Norbertine priests, brothers, and oblates offered the following:

- "This time of social isolation has been a blessing in disguise. It has given me the opportunity to connect with family and friends and get some homework done. The hardest thing about this is the inability to physically be there for one another, especially family members"

- "I am still trying to stay connected and supportive of all of those elect and candidates who had prepared to be baptized or complete their sacraments of initiation over the Easter weekend....They are coming to understand what 'in God's time' means."

- "I'm working at home, tending to my newly-planted garden, sharing home-baked treats with neighbors, and reading a lot....Watching the news is frequently painful but with the relative safety and comfort I have, it seems important to stay aware of the suffering of so many."

- "My life has stayed rather busy working three jobs from home and working on a Doctorate in Biblical Studies program that was already online/self-study....The most difficult challenge has been the restriction on visiting my mother; daily phone calls cannot replace regular in-person visits. I have been confirmed in my definition of *church*....Church is a community of believers and in spite of us not meeting together, we remain a strong community."

Christina Spahn, O. Praem. Obl. is a Norbertine Oblate of Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey.

The Archbishop Has Made the Following Assignments

Effective Monday, August 3, 2020 – Reverend Joe Vigil, currently pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Albuquerque, has been granted retirement.

Effective Monday, August 3, 2020 – Reverend Christopher Hallada, currently parochial vicar of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Albuquerque, has been appointed as pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Albuquerque.





Archbishop John C. Wester Thanks Jesuits for 152 Years of Service to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe

Archdiocese to Assume Pastoral Leadership of Immaculate Conception Parish by June 2021

July 27, 2020

At the invitation of then-Bishop Jean Baptiste Lamy, the Jesuit Fathers came to Albuquerque from Naples, Italy in 1867. Building on their rich heritage, they brought that fire first ignited by St. Ignatius to our Southwest, reminding us that the first principle of our existence is to be one with God forever in heaven. At the same time, and in the spirit of St. Francis Xavier, St. Peter Faber and other distinguished Jesuit priests and brothers, these missionary priests built up God's Kingdom here on earth by finding God in all things and by loving our neighbor as ourselves. The culturally diverse and vibrant parish of Immaculate Conception in the heart of downtown Albuquerque has benefitted from the missionary activity of the Jesuits Fathers and Brothers since its inception in 1868.

For 152 years, Immaculate Conception Parish has thrived as a vibrant and dynamic parish in the historic Archdiocese of Santa Fe, living up to its mission statement:

As friends in the Lord, we support one another in our ministries through a common life of worship and prayer, simplicity, spiritual conversation, encouragement, respect, and affection. We reflect and plan together with discerning love so that all our present and future endeavors at Immaculate Conception might be done for the greater glory of God.

Not only has this Jesuit parish supported its own members, they have consistently reached out to countless others as they fulfill Christ's mandate not to be served, but to serve and to give their lives for others.

There is no doubt that we owe a great debt of gratitude to our Jesuit brothers who have shepherded this parish so well for so long. Therefore, it is with sadness that we receive the news they no longer have the capacity to staff this beloved Catholic community. We will miss them very much and we will never forget them and all they have done for us over these many years. Their legacy will live on and we will continue to reap the fruits of their pastoral ministry in our midst. We wish them every success and assure them of our undying love, prayers and support. What they have done for the "greater glory of God" is a tribute to them and to God's grace working in them and in the people of Immaculate Conception.

We also give thanks to God for the splendid priests of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe who will assume the pastoral leadership of Immaculate Conception Church by June 2021, working closely with the deacons and other leaders of the parish. Building on the strong foundation of the Jesuit Fathers and Brothers, they will move the parish forward in its mission to serve and to give its life for the ransom of many (Cf. Matthew 20:28).

Archbishop John C. Wester | Very Reverend Ronald Mercier, SJ, Provincial, Jesuits USA, Central & Southern Province | Reverend Warren J. Broussard, SJ, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, 619 Copper Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 met virtually to record a video message to the people of Immaculate Conception Parish in Albuquerque. [View here](#). Contact: Immaculate Conception Parish | 505.247.4271 | <https://www.iccabq.org/>

Seminary Burse

The following parishes have sent in excess Mass stipends and other contributions collected at the Archdiocesan Finance Office for seminarian education. These receipts are for the months of June and July 2020. Excess Mass stipends are from multiple Mass intentions celebrated at parishes. The archdiocesan policy is for excess Mass stipends to be used for seminarian education.

Parish Name/City	Amount Received	Parish Name/City	Amount Received
Immaculate Conception – Albuquerque	265.00	Our Lady of the Annunciation – Albuquerque	1,610.00
Immaculate Heart of Mary – Los Alamos	1,215.00	Sangre de Cristo – Albuquerque	2,465.34
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Albuquerque	2,000.00	Shrine of St. Bernadette – Albuquerque	3,800.00
Our Lady of Belen – Belen	2,000.00	St. Joseph on the Rio Grande – Albuquerque	660.00
Our Lady of Lavang – Albuquerque	7,000.00		
Our Lady of Sorrows – Bernalillo	2,000.00		
		Total	\$ 23,015.34

**The world does not need more empty words,
it needs committed, active peacemakers.**

Pope Francis



Pope Francis participates in a moment of silence during a meeting for peace at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial in Hiroshima, Japan, Nov. 24, 2019. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)

U.S. Bishops' President Reflects on the 75th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki

July 30, 2020

By USCCB Public Affairs Office

WASHINGTON – Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued the following statement on the 75th anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki:

“This week we are observing the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and August 9, 1945.

“My brother bishops and I mourn with the Japanese people for the innocent lives that were taken and the generations that have continued to suffer the public health and environmental consequences of these tragic attacks.

“On this solemn occasion, we join our voice with

Pope Francis and call on our national and world leaders to persevere in their efforts to abolish these weapons of mass destruction, which threaten the existence of the human race and our planet.

“We ask our Blessed Mother Mary, the Queen of Peace, to pray for the human family, and for each one of us. Remembering the violence and injustice of the past, may we commit ourselves to being peacemakers as Jesus Christ calls us to be. Let us always seek the path of peace and seek alternatives to the use of war as a way to settle differences between nations and peoples.”

The USCCB’s Committee on International Justice and Peace has produced resources for study, prayer, and action that the faithful may use in observing the August 6 and 9 anniversary, which may be found at: <http://www.usccb.org/nuclear>.

75th Anniversary Hiroshima Day One-Hour Online Commemoration Calling for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons August 6, 2020, 8 p.m. EST/ 5 p.m. PST

Hosted by the New Mexico 75th Anniversary of Hiroshima/Nagasaki Committee and Pace e Bene

For the last three and a half years, the New Mexico 75th anniversary Committee, with Pace e Bene, has been planning national in person vigils with great national and local speakers for August 6 and 9, 2020 at Los Alamos, New Mexico. Because of COVID-19, we have moved everything to a one-hour online event to commemorate Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

DATE/TIME

The online commemoration will begin 8 p.m. EST/5 p.m. PST, on Thursday evening, August 6, 2020.

SCHEDULE

We will begin with an opening blessing from Evelyn Naranjo of Pueblo de San Ildefonso. Then we will hear from Jay Coghlan of Nukewatch.org on the history of the Los Alamos labs, where the bomb was designed and fabricated, and how it continues to play the leading role in the creation of every US nuclear weapon since then. Then we will hear a reflection of commemoration, remembrance and recommitment by Roshi Joan Halifax, longtime peacemaker and founder of Upaya Zen Center in Santa Fe.

The keynoter speaker will be Dr. Ira Helfand, one of the leaders of ICANW, the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, who will explain why we need to work harder than ever to build a global grassroots movement to abolish nuclear weapons. Then Archbishop John Wester, of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, NM, will speak about nuclear weapons and offer a blessing.

“Peace and international stability are incompatible with attempts to build upon the fear of mutual destruction, or the threat of total annihilation...In a world where millions of children and families live in inhumane conditions, the money that is squandered and the fortunes made through the manufacture, upgrading, maintenance and sale of ever more destructive weapons are an affront crying out to heaven... Convinced as I am that a world without nuclear weapons is possible and necessary, I ask political leaders not to forget that these weapons cannot protect us from current threats to national and international security (Pope Francis address in Nagasaki, Japan, November 24, 2019).

See USCCB information here: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/nuclear-weapons/index.cfm>

This event is organized by Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service and part of the online Campaign Nonviolence National Conference August 6-8, 2020. Be sure to join our August 7 & 8 events as well. [Learn more and register here!](#)

The 75th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki: A Renewed Call for Our Day



“A world of peace, free from nuclear weapons,
is the aspiration of millions ... ”

- Pope Francis, [Address at Atomic Bomb Hypocenter Park](#) (Nagasaki)
November 24, 2019.

PRAY

Pray with your community for the causes of peace and nuclear disarmament to be made a reality.

- [Sample bulletin announcements and prayers of the faithful](#) for use on August 2nd and 9th, 2020.
- Share [this prayer](#) ([en Español](#)) with your networks, or other prayers for peace on August 9th.

LEARN

Learn about what the Church teaches regarding nuclear weapons.

- [Nuclear Weapons and Our Catholic Response](#): A Catholic Study Guide for use with the film *Nuclear Tipping Point*, revised June 2020.
- [Statements of the U.S. bishops](#) on Nuclear Weapons
- [Pope Francis on Nuclear Weapons](#) at Atomic Bomb Hypocenter Park (Nagasaki), November 24, 2019.

ACT

Put what your faith into action by raising your voice to support nuclear disarmament.

- [Tell Congress to support extension of the New START Treaty](#) and a continued U.S. moratorium on nuclear testing.
- Ask your friends and family to join you in [taking action](#).



Copyright © 2020, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Pope Francis quote copyright © Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City. All rights reserved. This text may be reproduced in whole or in part without alteration for nonprofit educational use, provided such reprints are not sold and include this notice. This resource was developed by the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development. All photos © iStock Photo. *This resource and many others are available at [usccb.org/nuclear](https://www.usccb.org/nuclear).*

Bishops from Japan, U.S. call Catholics to work for nuclear disarmament

By Dennis Sadowski Catholic News Service

CLEVELAND (CNS) -- The path to true peace requires the world to abolish nuclear weapons, an American bishop and a Japanese archbishop said as the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings at the end of World War II approached.

Speaking during a 30-minute webinar Aug. 3, Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, Illinois, and Archbishop Joseph Mitsuaki Takami of Nagasaki, Japan, reiterated long-standing calls by the bishops' conferences of both countries that the world must reverse the path toward a renewed arms race because of the threat it poses to God's creation.

"As long as the idea that weapons are necessary for peacemaking persists, it will be difficult to even reduce the number of nuclear weapons, let alone to abolish nuclear weapons. It would be ideal if the U.S. and Japan could truly reconcile with each other and work together for the abolition of nuclear weapons," Archbishop Takami said.

Recalling the words of Pope Francis, who during his visit to Japan in November 2019 called the world to remember its moral obligation to rid the world of nuclear weapons, Bishop Malloy said that all nations must "find the means for complete and mutual disarmament based on a shared commitment and trust that needs to be fostered and deepened."

The bishops expressed concern that the world has overlooked the massive destructiveness of nuclear weapons as experienced in Japan in 1945 when U.S. atomic bombs detonated over Hiroshima Aug. 6 and Nagasaki three days later.

Maryann Cusimano Love, associate professor of international politics at The Catholic University of America, hosted the prerecorded online event, introducing it with an overview of Catholic peacebuilding efforts in Japan and the United States

She said church-based efforts are rooted in Catholic theology, which holds that just peace is possible through a sustained commitment to achieve nuclear

BISHOPS continued on page 18

The 75th Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki



In solidarity with the Church in Japan, let us pray with the words that Pope St. John Paul II shared at the Peace Memorial in Hiroshima on February 25, 1981.

To the Creator of nature and man, of truth and beauty I pray:

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations;

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war;

Hear my voice when I beg you to instill into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice and the joy of fellowship;

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace;

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world your everlasting peace.

Copyright © Libreria Editrice Vaticana, Vatican City State. All rights reserved. All photos © iStock Photo.

BISHOPS continued from page 17

abolition. She said the threat of nuclear war has grown in recent years as international arms control treaties have been abandoned and more nations seek to add such weapons of mass destruction to their arsenals.

Archbishop Takami, president of the Japanese bishops' conference, opened his remarks by explaining how he is a survivor of the bombing of Nagasaki, his hometown and the center of Japan's Catholic faith community. He was in his mother's womb at the time.

"I did not witness the horrific scenes that unfolded immediately following the bombing myself. But my maternal grandmother suffered burns all over her body and died a painful death after one week without receiving any medical attention," the archbishop said.

He recalled that two of his aunts died as a result of the bombing. "My married aunt's body was never found and her husband also died," he said.

Another aunt, a nun, was working outdoors when the bomb detonated. "She was exposed to the hot blast and was in pain for 12 days before dying," he said.

At Nagasaki's Urakami Cathedral, where 24 parishioners were preparing to receive the sacrament of reconciliation when the bomb exploded, little remained standing, he said.

Of the 12,000 parishioners about 8,500 died, the archbishop added. The bombing was "spiritually damaging" to many parishioners, who he said lost their faith and left the church.

Archbishop Takami drew widely from the words of St. John Paul II, who visited the two cities in 1981, delivering an urgent appeal that all people commit to a future without nuclear weapons.

The speech prompted the Japanese bishops' conference to designate the period from Aug. 6-15 each year as 10 Days of Prayer for Peace starting in 1982. During the time people are called to pray, reflect and act on behalf of peace, he said.

"Pope Francis went one step further and declared that the possession and use of nuclear are immoral," the archbishop added, describing one of the pontiff's address during his visit. "The pope stressed the need for unity and working together toward a world free of nuclear weapons and com-

mitted the church to the goal."

In response to Pope Francis' appeal, Bishop Alexis Mitsuru Shirahama of Hiroshima July 7 launched the Nuclear-Free World Foundation in collaboration with three peace organizations to support people working toward the ratification of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which was approved in 2017 by a majority of United Nations member states. The Holy See became one of the first entities to ratify the agreement.

The fund will support peacemakers' work until 50 nations ratify the pact. Through July 7, 39 nations had ratified it, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs reported.

Bishop Malloy said the U.S. bishops remain dedicated to the vision for disarmament expressed in their 1983 pastoral letter "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response."

The document committed the bishops, he said "to shaping the climate of opinion which will make it possible for our country to express profound sorrow over the atomic bombing of 1945. Without that sorrow, there is no possibility of finding a way of repudiating future use of nuclear weapons."

The bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki can lead people to understand the "tremendous human suffering and human cost" that can occur when nuclear weapons are used in war, he said.

Bishop Malloy also cited the words of Pope Francis in his 2015 encyclical "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home," in which the pontiff called all people to see the world as a gift from the love of God."

Later, the pope in Japan, Bishop Malloy added, reminded the world of the threat nuclear weapons pose to creation and to human dignity, thus making their possession and use immoral under Catholic teaching.

The prelates concluded the webinar with prayers in Japanese and English, respectively, seeking peace, reconciliation and understanding among all people.

The webinar was produced by the Catholic Peacebuilding Network and its Project for Revitalizing Catholic Engagement in Nuclear Disarmament and the Berkley Center for Religion Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University.

Follow Sadowski on Twitter: @DennisSadowski

LIVE

STREAMING the Mass

What You'll Need



Mobile
Phone



Tripod



Lapel
Microphone

Practical Tips

Position the Phone Horizontally

Horizontal positioning is ideal for Facebook and YouTube, but vertical positioning is preferred for Instagram Live.

Use a Tripod to Stabilize the Phone

Ensure the phone is on a level surface. Avoid too much movement during the liturgy if at all possible.

Setup Your Light Source Behind the Camera

Avoid mixing outside and inside light, if at all possible, to reduce color tinge.

Reduce Background Noise by Using a Lapel or Directional Microphone

The built-in mic on most smart phones is not adequate for good quality audio. You may need an adapter to connect your phone to the microphone.

Establish Reliable Internet Connection for Streaming

If this isn't possible, consider recording the Mass to post later or "premiere" the video on Facebook or YouTube to allow for real-time comments and interaction.

Spiritual Tips

Before Mass begins, allow parishioners to offer up any intentions for the Mass

After the Mass, answer questions about the homily in the chat window. This is an opportunity for further catechesis

Ask parishioners to virtually greet one another during the sign of peace

Pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer during Communion

CNS photo/Ann M. Augustine, Arlington Herald



United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops

Keeping the Peace

**By Very Reverend Glennon Jones, Vicar General,
Vicar for Clergy, Vicar for Religious**

July and August, of course, usher in the anniversaries of the first atomic explosion here in New Mexico and the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings which essentially ushered in the end of World War II. In my former parish of Los Alamos where “the bomb” was developed, we annually had disarmament demonstrators—well-intentioned folks, of course, and who can blame them for seeking the ideal of peace that we all desire. One consideration was overlooked, however; although Los Alamos is the birthplace of “the bomb”, Mankind’s attaining of nuclear capability was inevitable. War simply sped up its realization.

Many criticize the U.S. use of the atomic bomb to end the WWII, but war pursued in ANY manner is a horror. It plagues humanity regardless. At the time, it was estimated that hundreds of thousands of Allied troops and *millions* of Japanese would have perished in an invasion of Japan, and fire-bombing of Japanese and German cities (Tokyo and Dresden, for examples) had killed at least as many as did the atomic bombs. Had not the atomic bomb been used, that firebombing would have continued. Only the shock of the immense power contained in a single bomb—and the uncertainty about how many such bombs the U.S. possessed—convinced the Japanese emperor to break the ruling council’s deadlock in favor of surrender and peace.

As a dabbling student of history, I often muse on what would have happened if one of the other technologically-capable nations had developed

the bomb first? Had one of the Axis powers or the Soviet Union done so, very likely world conquest and even many millions more dead would have been the result; its more than obvious that neither Hitler nor Stalin revered human life when it stood in the way of their ambitions. Or, Japan may have continued its inexorable march through Asia and the Pacific...perhaps eventually into Europe and beyond. Even Great Britain—wary of years of war and suffering and indiscriminate bombing in the Blitz—may have been tempted toward lesser restraint.

What if the bomb had been developed during peacetime? Had nations stockpiled these weapons without ever having witnessed the very real results of their destructive potential, would they have been more inclined to utilize them? Remembrance of the effects of such weapons is largely what has kept them from being utilized again to this very day ... even 75 years later. And it seems hardly disputable that the deterrent effect of U.S. capability over the decades—maintained in large part by dedicated personnel of Los Alamos and Sandia national laboratories—has been a major determinant in that restraint.

What would result in our unilateral disarmament, as is often proposed? It’s hardly likely that nuclear-capable nations would be awestricken in admiration of U.S. magnanimity, and desire to imitate us; on the contrary, a worldwide nuclear free-for-all might very well ensue. How about a pacifistic wholesale surrender to “save lives”? Well, it might do so for time ... but the “absolute power corrupts absolutely” adage comes to mind, and history shows that genocide becomes a real possibility when rulers

pe

weary of the powerless ruled. We need only remember the very recent Holocaust to remember how lightly lay the veil of civilization upon Mankind.

Surprising to many, even the Catholic Church's thought on this topic is somewhat mixed. While of course lamenting arms races and urgently exhorting ever-increasing efforts for lasting peace and disarmament, the Church nonetheless recognizes the right and duty of nations for effective defense of its citizens. The bishops of the world stated at the Second Vatican Council: *"To be sure, scientific weapons are not amassed solely for use in war. Since the defensive strength of any nation is considered to be dependent upon its capacity for immediate retaliation, this accumulation of arms...likewise serves, in a way heretofore unknown, as deterrent to possible enemy attack. Many regard this procedure as the most effective way by which peace of a sort can be maintained between nations at the present time."* (Gaudium et Spes, 81)

And so...there's no simple solution to the ominous and constant threat of nuclear weaponry, else it would have been already attained. "The bomb" exists, and the nuclear genie as it's often called is not going back into the bottle; therefore, it must be dealt with realistically. Nuclear capability will be pursued in the world whether we like it or not. Yes, the ideal may be "No Nukes!" ... but until the day arrives in which such disarmament and its absolute verification is possible, the mission of the Los Alamos and Sandia labs is not only valid but essential in maintaining the (admittedly tense) nuclear restraint throughout the world. There is a vital difference between promotion of an ideal and being naively idealistic—the indispensable formula of realism separating the two, while yet always striving to make the ideal a true reality.

In a world of continually-expanding nuclear proliferation, we strive for—and pray ever more ardently—for peace among nations ... always remembering that *"...to us a child is born, to us a son is given...and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace,'"* (Isaiah 9:6) ... and that *"Nothing will be impossible with God."* (Luke 1:37)



ace

BE WITH YOU

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe is Recipient of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act



Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe

July 15, 2020 - The Archdiocese of Santa Fe and many of its parishes and schools—along with a great many other religious entities and non-profits around the nation —applied for and received funds from the federal emergency CARES Act Payroll Protection Program (PPP). These funds provide economic assistance to businesses during this time of pandemic and reduced income so that workers and their families may not suffer the effects of layoffs, furloughs or even termination because of employers' inability to provide salaries and insurance benefits. Accordingly, these funds have assisted the archdiocese, parishes and schools to meet payroll expenses for essential employees during this worldwide emergency.

The government imposes stringent accounting for all funds to ensure they are used properly and as intended.

We are thankful to receive this lifeline which has enabled us to retain our dedicated employees who continue their vital service ministries to our greater community which has been drastically affected by this pandemic. May we continue to keep all our sisters and brothers who are struggling physically, spiritually and economically in prayer and for our public health workers and scientists that they may soon find a cure.

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe

Arquidiócesis de Santa Fe recibe asistencia bajo la Ley de Ayuda, Alivio y Seguridad Económica por Coronavirus (CARES por sus siglas en inglés)



Reverendísimo John C. Wester, Arzobispo de Santa Fe

15 de julio del 2020 - La Arquidiócesis de Santa Fe y muchas de sus parroquias y escuelas - junto con muchas otras entidades religiosas y sin fines de lucro en la nación - solicitaron y recibieron fondos del Programa de Protección de Pago de Cheques de la Ley Federal de Emergencia CARES (PPP, por sus siglas en inglés). Estos fondos proporcionan asistencia económica a las empresas durante esta época de pandemia y de reducción de ingresos para que los trabajadores y sus familias no sufran los efectos de despidos, ceses sin remuneración o incluso despidos debido a la incapacidad de los empleadores de proporcionar salarios y beneficios de seguro. En consecuencia, estos fondos han ayudado a la arquidiócesis, las parroquias y las escuelas a sufragar los gastos de nómina de los empleados esenciales durante esta emergencia mundial.

El gobierno impone una estricta contabilidad de todos los fondos para asegurar que se utilicen adecuadamente y como se pretende.

Estamos agradecidos por haber recibido esta ayuda que nos ha permitido retener a nuestros dedicados empleados que continúan ofreciendo sus ministerios de servicio vital a nuestra gran comunidad que ha sido drásticamente afectada por esta pandemia. Sigamos sosteniendo en oración a todas nuestras hermanas y hermanos que luchan física, espiritual y económicamente, y a los trabajadores de la salud pública y científicos, para que pronto encuentren una cura.

Reverendísimo John C. Wester
Arzobispo de Santa Fe

New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops



Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Most Reverend John C. Wester
 Diocese of Las Cruces, Most Reverend Peter Baldaachino
 Diocese of Gallup, Most Reverend James S. Wall
 NMCCB Executive Director, Allen Sánchez
 NMCCB Associate Director, Deacon Steve Rangel



A pro-life activist near the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington holds a sign in the shape of Louisiana March 4, 2020. In a 5-4 decision June 29, the Supreme Court ruled that a Louisiana law requiring that doctors who perform abortions have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals could not stand. (CNS photo/Tyler Orsburn)

New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops Support The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Stance Calling the Supreme Court's *June Medical Services v. Russo* Decision A Continued Cruel Precedent of Prioritizing Abortion Business Interests Over Women's Health and Safety

June 30, 2020

The three Catholic Bishops of New Mexico (the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops) are disappointed with the June 29, 2020 U. S. Supreme Court's decision in an abortion case out of Louisiana, *June Medical Services v. Russo*.

New Mexico's Catholic bishops support the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' stance calling the Supreme Court's Decision *A Continued Cruel Precedent of Prioritizing Abortion Business Interests Over Women's Health and Safety*.

The Supreme Court's Decision on Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and a Call to Action



Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe

I applaud the U.S. Supreme Court's June 18, 2020 ruling on the legality of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Though the Trump Administration was prevented from ending DACA for now, it may again attempt to end DACA at a later date. For now, this decision provides DACA recipients relief from the possibility of immediate deportation and allows them to continue to work legally. See the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' press statement here: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2020/20-94.cfm>

While this is a monumental victory, there is still much work to do to protect the nearly 800,000 young people who are DACA recipients (also known as "Dreamers"). These young people are a vital part of the fabric of our communities. We know them as family members, brothers and sisters in faith, students, neighbors, and co-workers. DACA holders essentially grew up in the U.S. and many of them remember little, if anything, about where they were born. They are American in everything but immigration status. DACA recipients are among the most "extremely vetted" immigrants in the United States. The government knows they have not previously committed any felonies, knows where they live and work, how much they pay in taxes, and know if they leave the country and return.

Dreamers contribute much to our communities and our economy, adding an estimated \$42 billion to the GDP every year. They pay taxes, participate in the workforce, create jobs and add their spending power to the economy. Approximately 27,000 Dreamers are also on the front lines of the COVID-19 Pandemic, delivering necessary health care services and placing their lives on the line for others at this critical time.

Now, we need to continue to advocate for long term solutions for DACA recipients.

The USCCB has long supported Dreamers, and continues to urge Congress to work with deliberate speed towards a bipartisan legislative solution that includes a path to citizenship for these youth who are vital members of our community.

As Catholics, we are taught to care for and accompany the stranger and the vulnerable: "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me." (Mt 25:35). These are our obligations as a Christian people – to care for our neighbors. Let's remember and live by the teaching in Leviticus 19:34: The foreigner living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt.

I urge you to learn more about the contributions of Dreamers, and to act now and pray on their behalf.

- Visit the USCCB our JFI DACA and Dreamer Resource Page to learn more about DACA.
- Act now to urge the Senate to protect DACA recipients through the passage of a bipartisan Dream Act: Action Alert.
- Support Dreamers through solidarity and prayer using Rosary for Vulnerable Populations and this prayer in Spanish for DACA recipients.

For information on DACA applications or renewals, contact Catholic Charities, 505.724.4662 or the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, 505.247.1023.

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe

Declaración del Arzobispo John C. Wester sobre la decisión de la Corte Suprema sobre la Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA) y un llamado a la Acción.



Reverendísimo John C. Wester, Arzobispo de Santa Fe

Aplaudo la decisión de ayer de la Corte Suprema de los EE.UU. sobre la legalidad del programa de Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA). Aunque la Administración Trump no pudo terminar con DACA por ahora, puede que vuelva a intentar hacerlo en una fecha posterior. Por ahora, esta decisión proporciona a los beneficiarios de DACA un alivio de la posibilidad de una deportación inmediata y les permite seguir trabajando legalmente. Véase la declaración de prensa de la USCCB aquí: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2020/20-94sp.cfm>

Si bien esta es una victoria monumental, todavía hay mucho trabajo por hacer para proteger a los casi 800,000 jóvenes que son beneficiarios de DACA (también conocidos como "Soñadores"). Estos jóvenes son una parte vital de nuestras comunidades. Los conocemos como miembros de la familia, hermanos y hermanas en la fe, estudiantes, vecinos y compañeros de trabajo. Los beneficiarios de DACA crecieron esencialmente en los EE.UU. y muchos de ellos recuerdan poco, si es que recuerdan algo, acerca de dónde nacieron. Son estadounidenses en todo los sentidos, menos en el estatus de inmigración. Los beneficiarios de DACA se cuentan entre los inmigrantes más "extremadamente investigados" en los Estados Unidos. El gobierno sabe bien que ellos no han cometido delitos graves anteriormente, sabe dónde viven y trabajan, cuánto pagan en impuestos, y sabe si salen del país y regresan.

Los Soñadores contribuyen en gran medida a nuestras comunidades y a nuestra economía, aportando un estimado de 42 mil millones de dólares anualmente a la economía de Estados Unidos. Pagan impuestos, participan en la fuerza de trabajo, crean empleos y añaden su poder adquisitivo a la economía. Aproximadamente 27,000 Soñadores también han estado en la primera línea de la pandemia COVID-19, brindando los servicios de atención médica necesarios y arriesgando sus vidas por otros en este momento crítico.

Ahora, tenemos que seguir abogando por soluciones a largo plazo para los beneficiarios de DACA.

La Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos ha apoyado durante mucho tiempo a los Soñadores, y continúa instando al Congreso a trabajar con una velocidad deliberada hacia una solución legislativa bipartidista que incluya un camino hacia la ciudadanía para estos jóvenes que son miembros vitales de nuestra comunidad.

Como católicos, se nos enseña a cuidar y acompañar al forastero y al vulnerable: "Porque tuve hambre y me diste de comer, tuve sed y me diste de beber, fui un forastero y me recibiste." (Mt 25:35). Estas son nuestras responsabilidades como cristianos: cuidar de nuestro prójimo. Recordemos y vivamos de acuerdo a la enseñanza de Levítico 19:34: Cuando un forastero viva entre ustedes, lo debes tratar como a uno de ustedes y amarlo como a ti mismo, pues ustedes también fueron forasteros en Egipto.

Les exhorto a aprender más sobre las contribuciones de los Soñadores, y a actuar ahora y rezar por ellos.

- Visiten [JFI DACA and Dreamer Resource Page](#) la página de Recursos de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos (USCCB) para encontrar información sobre la Justicia para Inmigrantes (JFI), DACA y sobre los Soñadores.

- Actúe ahora para urgir al Senado a proteger a los receptores de DACA mediante la aprobación de la Ley bipartidista llamada Dream ACT: Action Alert.

- Apoye a los Soñadores a través de la solidaridad y la oración usando el Rosario para las Poblaciones Vulnerables Rosary for Vulnerable Populations y esta oración en español para los beneficiarios de DACA. [prayer in Spanish](#)

Para obtener información sobre solicitudes o renovaciones de DACA, comuníquese con Catholic Charities, 505-724-4662 o con el Centro de Leyes para Inmigrantes de Nuevo México, 505-247-1023.

Reverendísimo John C. Wester
Arzobispo de Santa Fe



“Leaders After My Own Heart”

Most of us are aware how many people find today's moment in history as lamentable and disheartening. Only a naïve person would think that society is not at a critical crossroad. I hear from people who are angry at politicians who seem greedy and power hungry. I hear from young and old who suspect that the shutdown is unnecessary and politically motivated. I am aware of those who want to radically change America and others who want to do away with all religion. I think that one can fairly say things are looking bleak and desperate, which the past shows us can be volatile. But even if it is so, this is not the first time in history that humanity had to face its own moral future.

Only those willing
to learn from history

***This is not
the first
time in
history that
humanity
had to face
its own
moral future.***

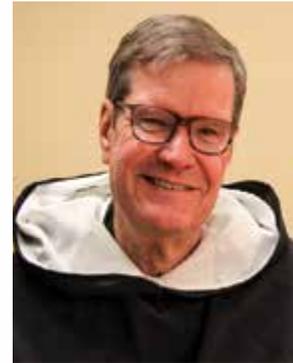
value the lessons of history. Instead the fool tries to rewrite a more convenient history rather than struggle to learn the hard lessons. The funny thing about history is that it cannot be erased. No matter how hard anyone tries to rub it out, the realities of the past haunt us all, generation upon generation, until we learn the hard wrought lessons. Only a person so prideful and self-absorbed would think to revise the past. As best we try, we are only able to revisit the past. But history's long arm reaches far into the future. The truth of history cannot be bent. It alone is the infallible judge of past events. Hope, however, enables us to go forward, to live life accepting the past but committed to the future.

In the time of Jeremiah (B.C. 650-570), the

people had abandoned their faith, and like our own times they had lost their way. They felt threats from outside foreign forces, they abandoned their faith in God, they sacrificed their children to idols of convenience, and their false prophets spread lies. All this misled them. It was to such uncertain times when the prophetic voice of Jeremiah was heard. The religious voice always speaks to the depth of the human heart. It calls our rebellious self to come back to a nobler purpose, the true destiny of humanity and human history. As we face our own uncertain times we must learn the lessons of the past. Jeremiah challenged the people and he challenges us. The issue today, as we look to an election, is leadership. Now more than ever the voice of religion is being muted, the hard lessons of history are being ignored, and rebellious hearts foster and forge a less human, more violent world. Jeremiah gives us hope. God will raise up leaders after His own heart who will guide us wisely and prudently (Jeremiah 3:15). The idolatry of our age is not

made of stone and wood but of greed and a lust for power that plagues us all. So when it comes to casting our vote, where do our hearts lie? This is the moral choice of a free and democratic society. The politics that Israel and Judah faced in the time of Jeremiah hasn't changed that much since the seventh century B.C. Today we face the question of our moral worth and ultimate purpose. Wisdom and prudence remain the great guarantors of history. But why are they so critical?

Both wisdom and prudence, it seems to me, are the critical virtues of a representative constitutional democracy. Each American voter has a moral responsibility to wisely and prudently discern their choice in casting their ballot. As a republic our government is quite literally "a matter of the people" (*res publica*). If we hope to do so wisely, it requires our critical understanding of the good that needs to be done and our prudently being attentive to all the aspects of the really real. A wise person seeks after the good and a prudent person knows the truth of things. Goodness and



By Very Reverend Michael Demkovich, OP, Episcopal Vicar for Doctrine & Life

truth, loving and knowing, remain the premier guide for every Christian, and I pray every citizen. This becomes particularly challenging when pervasive mistrust undermines our public discourse. We must dig deeply to unearth what "is" truly is. As we prepare to vote we must ask the challenging question Jeremiah poses, "Who are the leaders after the heart of God?" Democracy's legacy for the future is a wise and prudent electorate. Our vote is a vow (*votum*) and pledge for the future common good that calls us to judge beyond our private personal goods. If we truly want leaders after the heart of God, we need to vote wisely and prudently, for in the end our free choice is the only moral worth we have, and God, not history, will be our judge.



Church Ministry in the Midst of COVID - 19

By Damaris Thillet, Director, Office of Worship

As we continue returning to our parishes, we return with certain restrictions. Are things different? Absolutely! Do our spaces look different? Yes, they do look different. Even our liturgical celebrations look different but we remain the church. As our church buildings were closed, the Domestic Church became more alive than ever.

We began utilizing and getting more familiar with technology, as we came together in our homes streaming from our computers/televisions while our parishes offered numerous forms of prayer, reflection and Mass.

In our efforts and search for ways to reach out to the faithful, the Office of Worship has hosted conference calls with various groups within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. We heard from numerous liturgical ministers across the Archdiocese who shared their stories, experiences, concerns, and worries during this time. Since April, the Office of Worship has been hosting Zoom meetings and workshops for liturgical ministers, and continues the efforts to look for ways to reach out and serve you, the People of God.

Experiencing Extraordinary Moments of Grace During this Difficult Time

There's a lot to give thanks for, too, when we're going through difficult times. God is with us, and He is in control. What a joy we have knowing that we have God's presence and protection. We have God's strong and abiding presence through His Word and Sacrament. Each and every day, we have the opportunity to turn to God in His Word to be uplifted and refreshed even when the world around us seems to be closing down. Through the faith that God gives us, we know it is God's will that we rejoice in Him and seek His peace in the midst of this COVID-19.

How can I embrace a sense of blessing when there is so much suffering? It doesn't seem right or fair to ignore or deny the tough realities we're facing in our country and our world right now.

This is our call, our vocation, our purpose, to bless the world. Just as the Lord told Abram, "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." (Gen. 12:2), we too, are blessed so we can bless.

But, how do you bless the world when you're so often stuck at home? It may be more difficult, but it is not impossible, and it is so necessary, and it is still our calling. We are called to bless the world. We are equipped to bless the world. We are empowered to bless the world. And we are blessed – to bless the world.

There will be plenty of other opportunities to encounter the body of Christ in the vulnerable in the coming weeks, even if from an appropriate distance. Yes, it has been a very difficult time, but we are also experiencing extraordinary moments of grace during this COVID-19.

In the midst of this COVID-19, the church still continues its vital mission and ministry.

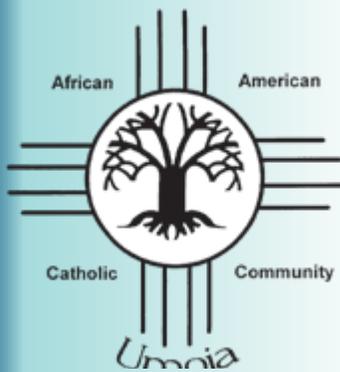
Listed below are more opportunities for virtual gatherings to pray, for continued formation and practical applications in the midst of this pandemic.

Please feel free to contact us by phone or by email with any questions or any ideas of workshops, virtual gatherings, prayers, and resources that you would like to see being offered.

May God help us all during these challenging times to be the light that He wants us to be.

LIST OF UPCOMING VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS AND DATES

Event	Description	Date/Time (Mountain Time)
Workshop for Guitarists	Basic and Practical Techniques (including new rhythm patterns)	Wednesday, August 5 (Zoom) 5:30 (English) 6:30pm (Spanish)
Liturgy Workshop	Celebrating the Sacraments in the midst of COVID – 19	Thursday, August 13 (Zoom) 5:30 (English) 6:30pm (Spanish)
Lector Training	Best Practices during this challenging time of COVID - 19	Monday, August 24 (Zoom) 5:30 (English) 6:30pm (Spanish)
EMHC Training (Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion)	Best Practices during this challenging time of COVID - 19	Thursday, September 10 (Zoom) 5:30 (English) 6:30pm (Spanish)



African American Catholic Community Catholic School Supply Drive 2020-21

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community is holding a School Supply Drive for archdiocesan Catholic elementary schools.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we request donations of ONLY gift cards this year. Gift cards enable the Catholic Schools Office to purchase items in a safe, sanitary way for Catholic schools as supplies (pencils, pens, crayons, markers, paper, disinfecting wipes, etc.) are needed.

Gift cards can be purchased in any amount and can be from Target, Walmart, Dollar Store or other stores that carry typical school supplies. Please mail to: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Social Justice and Respect Life School Supply Drive, 4000 St. Joseph's Pl. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. For further information, please call Louise Davis at 505.620.0597. The School Supply Drive will run from August 1 to September 31, 2020. Thank you in advance for your generous support of our Catholic school students in this difficult time!



These new [Catholic Social Teaching bilingual short videos](#) are available to help guide and respond to our baptismal call to protect the life and dignity of all and to be Faithful Citizens

Praying Like A Faithful Citizen

Our action as Faithful Citizens should flow from prayer. When we pray, we experience God and we remember that he is in us and in all people, who are created in his image and have inherent dignity. If we want to truly be faithful citizens, we must know how to come to God in prayer, experience God in ourselves and others, and listen to the ways God is calling us to respond.

Ways to Pray

Try out all of these ways to pray as a Faithful Citizen as well as other creative ideas you might think of. Then try the ones that work best for you again and again – make them a practice in your daily life so that you can be a just prayerer and a faithful citizen!

The Newspaper Prayer: Look through a print or online newspaper to find a news article about an issue mentioned in Faithful Citizenship. Cut out (or print out) the article and bring it with you to a quiet place where you can pray. Think about how human dignity is affected by the issue or situation. Pray for God's healing and transformation for all people impacted, lawmakers, and citizens like yourself. Ask God how he is asking you to respond to this issue.

Becoming a Character in the Parables: Read slowly *one* of the following Gospel readings: John 5:1-15; Luke 8:40-56; Mark 1:40-45; or Mt. 20:29-34. Then read it again, imagining that you are the character in the story with whom Jesus interacts. Imagine how it would be to be in that character's place. How do you feel before you meet Jesus? How do you feel physically (what do all five senses experience in that time and place?), emotionally, and spiritually? What happens when you encounter Jesus? What is that experience like? Imagine every detail of the story. Next, imagine the story again in your mind, but this time, substitute a modern-day person, for example, someone who is homeless or a person who is sick with cancer or AIDS but has no health insurance. Let this exercise lead you into prayer for the real people who are suffering in the world. Pray for justice and for realization of your role in making justice a reality.

For more ways to pray, visit <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/prayers/praying-like-a-faithful-citizen>

How the 2020 Census Can Help New Mexico

By Melia Chittenden, Student Intern for the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life

The United States Constitution stipulates that the government counts everyone living in the U.S. every ten years. The census count determines fundamental government choices such as the number of seats each state is granted in the House of Representatives and the amount of funding allocated to each state by the federal government. Dr. Mercy Alarid, Senior Partnership Specialist for the Census Bureau in New Mexico, spoke with us about the importance of obtaining an accurate census count in New Mexico.

How will obtaining an accurate count for the 2020 Census benefit New Mexico?

The next ten years of life depends on an accurate census. An accurate census count means funding and representation for every single resident of New Mexico. Every person who responds to the

census translates to \$3500-\$4000 per person, per year for the state. That money goes towards funding for public schools, roads, healthcare, and other social services. For the next ten years, life as we know it -- and hopefully a better life -- depends on an accurate count in our state.

What are the unique challenges NM faces in obtaining an accurate count, and how has COVID-19 exacerbated these challenges?

New Mexico has some of the hardest populations to count in the nation because our geography is so large and because we have many rural populations that are hard to reach. COVID-19 has posed a threat in NM, as it has nationwide, by delaying several of our operations. However, partners and state officials have been working together more than ever in a concerted effort to make sure these challenges are overcome.

What measures are in

place to ensure that my census responses remain confidential?

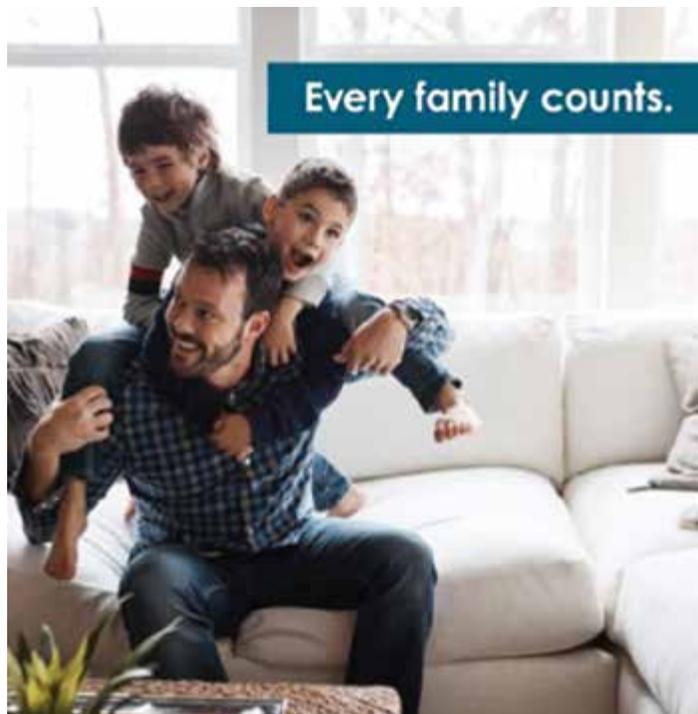
There are safeguards put in place for the Census Bureau that no other agency has. For example, we are bound by Title 13 to not disclose any information about individuals participating in the census. Every Census Bureau employee has to swear an oath of office that requires us to keep personal identifying information private and confidential. There is no citizenship question on the 2020 Census. We also do not ask for social security numbers. We cannot give private information to a mayor, a governor, or even the president. All we can release is anonymous data in the form of statistics and percentages.

How can census participation serve your community?

Our Constitution outlines census participation as a required civic duty for all individuals in the United States. The 2020 Census is also a

way of raising the voices of all people, even noncitizens living in this country. In elections, citizens are the only ones who can raise their voices by voting, but in the census, everybody gets a voice--including children, including immigrants. Politicians use census data to determine who makes up their constituencies. We want everybody to know, whether you are a citizen or not, that this is your city, this is your state, and let's do our civic duty by making sure your household gets counted.

There is still time to respond to the census! Self-respond online, over the phone, or by mail through October 31st. If there are any parishes, organizations, or other partners who would like to help increase census participation in their community, they can reach out to Dr. Mercy Alarid, Senior Partnership Specialist for the Census Bureau in New Mexico, 505.715.3275 mercy.n.alarid@2020census.gov www.2020Census.gov



A CST Guide to a More Just Future

By Jane Deren, Ph.D. (reprinted with permission, *Education for Justice*, www.educationforjustice.org)

As people of faith who are called to hope, we can begin to imagine and plan for a better future even in this dark time. In a recent meditation, Pope Francis refers to “the breath of the Spirit that opens horizons, sparks creativity and renews [sister and] brotherhood and makes us say, ‘I’m present’ in the face of the enormous and urgent task that awaits us.” Especially in these times, the Holy Spirit can “inspire us with a new imagination of what is possible,” prompting us “not to be closed in or manipulated by fixed or outmoded methods or decadent structures” and moving us to “make new things.”

Catholic social teaching (CST) offers guidance as we ponder what kind of new world we wish and work for. At the center of CST is the concern for the life and the dignity of the human person. No one is expendable, no lives should be worth less than others; we are called to give voice to this belief when anyone suggests otherwise. Active concern and responsible behavior on all levels in our communities and in our world is primary. These traits will continue to be crucial to protect and support life as we choose to become more and more present to the human suffering of this pandemic and its aftermath.

The basic CST teaching on economic justice is crucial to building a new world: economies should exist to serve people—people do not exist to prop up economies. Any political decisions that suggest otherwise must be challenged, again and again. CST’s option for the poor calls us to rethink all structures and systems, always asking how every policy, program, and/or legal initiative will impact, indirectly or directly, those in poverty, in the short and long term, in normal times and in times of great stress. As Pope Francis urges, we need to discard “decadent structures” and creatively rethink systems that diminish rather than spark human flourishing for all members of the human family, especially those who have existed on the margins of society.

To practice solidarity and reduce long-term economic and social inequalities based on race, class and ethnicity in this society, an understanding of the past is essential to build a more just future. Generations of African Americans have endured poverty, social stress, limited access to good health care, to education, to economic opportunities and decent housing; this past created the conditions for the high mortality rate of African Americans struck down by Coronavirus. (See USCCB *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love* <https://tinyurl.com/hacmrb8>)

Practicing solidarity with those at the margins challenges us to continuously push elected officials to make significant changes in systems that benefit just a few while so many do not have resources to live a life of dignity. The common good, another CST core principle, is never served when huge corporations benefit while small, local businesses struggle to survive; as citizens, we can demand that much better systems of business loans with rigorous oversight and just tax breaks be put into place. Doing our homework on these systems is a necessary part of good citizenship.

Workers’ Rights have had a central place in modern Catholic social teaching since the Industrial Revolution, when Pope Leo XIII called attention to the plight of workers in the new factory system of production. The current situation in the U.S. reveals that many workers still do not have safe working condition along with just living wages, basic benefits, and job security, nor do they have safety nets such as wage subsidies. Pope Francis has recently called for a universal basic wage as a way to ensure justice for workers in this era and beyond.

Among the basic rights and responsibilities that CST promotes is the right to healthcare; with so many workers losing their jobs, the current U.S. policy of tying healthcare to employment—which no other developed country does—fails in a major health crisis. We are also witnessing the problems of for-profit medical care, including the uneven abilities of hospitals to handle the current pandemic. A major part of our responsibilities as citizens moving forward post-pandemic is to support an informed, creative discussion on health care alternatives.

Finally, our attention cannot be focused only on what is happening within our own borders. Care for Creation has demonstrated that only working as one human family can we begin to renew the sacred earth. Pope Francis reminds us that we are one interrelated, international community and that authentic human development that allows all humans to flourish, not merely survive, is still a universal goal for the Church’s social teaching. Compassion for people in poor countries has to be nurtured as we face daunting concerns about their growing food insecurity as well as lack of basic health supports. (These are often connected to environmental problems--and solutions.) Today, here and now, Pope Francis declares, is where we need to let the Spirit enter, to “break all the fatalism in which we have immersed ourselves.” We need to return to God’s world and work, to become the creative architects and the dynamic protagonists of a common future, responding as a community rooted in the Love that is expressed in Catholic social teaching.

“Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean.” (Matthew 8:2)

By **Cynthia Roberson, CCHD Intern**

The suffering kindled by the deadly coronavirus and the murder of George Floyd raises a fundamental question on how we, as Catholics, should act to protect the life and dignity of the individual. Both the lethal pandemic and the unjust killing of an African-American man evokes the acknowledgement of a fundamental Christian belief, that every human person's life and dignity is sacred, and that we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

The coronavirus pandemic has touched all our lives, by threatening the life and dignity of the most poor and vulnerable. Though these times are frightening, we are being called to look past disease and skin color to be more like Jesus. Matthew chapter 8 furthers, “When Jesus came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. And then a leper approached, did him homage, and said, “Lord, if you wish, you can make me clean.” He stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, “I will do it. Be made clean.” His leprosy was cleansed immediately.

Though we may not possess the ability to physically heal our troubled brothers and sisters in Christ, there are alternative ways of showing our love for one another. Catholic social teaching supports human solidarity, human dignity, and the common good; despite

differences in skin color, culture, nationality, and heath we are all made in God's image. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 pandemic has significantly strained our communal and social nature by not only putting emotional distance between nations and peoples, but physical distance – six feet to be exact. As Catholics we must find a way around these barriers and put our faith into action.

Much like Jesus, we are called to reach out to our

brothers and sisters. Despite the challenges we are currently experiencing, we are invited by our faith to see unique respect for the life of every person. There is a growing sense that we must act together to respect the most vulnerable among us, such as the poor, elderly, those with pre-existing health conditions, and our people of color. At this unique moment, it seems that Catholic social teaching is alive and well in the hearts and minds of many.

As we reach out to those in need, may our prayer and action defeat this Pandemic and bring peace our nation's civil unrest.

Please contact me at 505.440.1962 or croberson@archdiosf.org to set up a presentation via Zoom to your youth, young adult or adult formation group (in English or Spanish) on what Catholic social teaching says about poverty and how you can practice your faith during this pandemic!

“We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form and yet claim to defend the sacredness of every human life.”

-Pope Francis, June 3, 2020

ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



NOW ENROLLING

FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Discover the impact our schools will have on your child's future.
 Call or visit us online today!

 /asfcatholicschools

 asfcatholicschools.org

 (505) 831-8172



**Prayer to Begin a
School Year/Semester**

Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator of body and mind and heart;
you have sent the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge
to guide your people in all their ways.

At the beginning of this new school year (or semester/term)
we implore your mercy:
bless the students, teachers, and staff of *NL*,
that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love
as we learn from you and each other
how to follow your Son Jesus.

Expand the horizons of our minds,
that we may grow in wisdom,
understanding, and knowledge;
deepen our commitment to seek the truth of your ways;
and enliven our faith to reach out to those in need.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

Rt. Amen

Catholic Schools Response to COVID-19

The 2019-2020 school year ended in a way that none of us could ever imagine. The students expecting to return to school following spring break were suddenly facing a different way of learning. The principals and teachers jumped into action in order to provide quality education for the remainder of the year. The new normal became Zoom classrooms, Google classrooms, Seesaw, packets and a myriad of other resources. I applaud the principals and teachers for their extra efforts in embracing this different way of teaching and learning. The schools did not just focus on academics during this time, they made sure that community was a part of this experience. The school Masses were streamed, morning announcements were held, virtual and drive by art shows showcased student work and a wide variety of spirit weeks engaged the students in community life. Now we are preparing to begin a new school year.

In early May we convened a task force to look at how we will plan for the opening of the 2020-21 school year. The task force was comprised of representatives from the following communities - principals, teachers, nurses and parents. The task force reviewed guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the New Mexico Department of Public Education as a basis for developing Archdiocesan wide mandates for the schools. These mandates were reviewed by the principals and the Archbishop's rapid

response team. The final product was approved by Archbishop Wester and posted on the ASF Catholic School website.

The Re-Opening Mandates will be used by each school to develop protocols specific to each site. Each school was provided with a document titled "Leading with Hope" developed by the Andrew M. Greeley Center for Catholic Education-School of Education, Loyola University of Chicago that provides Catholic schools with a template for planning re-opening at the local school level. This document assists the schools in the areas of:

- Logistics and Planning
- Creating and Maintaining Community
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Promoting Catholic Identity
- Technology Support

At the local level teams met to address the areas above as they relate to their schools. We realize that our school policies must be flexible and nimble in responding to new information and our strategies can be revised and adapted depending on the level of viral transmission in the school and community. The health and safety of our children are utmost on our minds. We pray for better treatment of this virus and a possible vaccine in order to return to some sense of normalcy.

Susan Murphy, Superintendent, Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Schools

ACS STUDENTS TAKE VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP TO AFRICA

Leticia M. Gomez, Vice Principal Annunciation Catholic School

Annunciation Catholic School (ACS) provided a fun summer session for incoming second through fifth graders this past July. The week-long session was a joint partnership between ACS and Level Up Village utilizing a webinar-based curriculum to teach children how to become better global citizens. The students interacted with citizens from Kenya, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Rwanda, and Ghana. They learned about the culture, art, food and animals of each country. Students also enjoyed engaging Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) experiments, which were led by the host person from each country.

ACS upheld a 5:1 student-teacher ratio and followed social distancing standards in a caring and fun environment. Students participated in culturally-relevant activities and also received lessons from ACS enrichment teachers in Art, Catholic Identity, and Social-Emotional Learning.

Feedback from parents, students, and teachers alike was that the summer session was a wonderful learning experience and everyone was so excited to be back on the ACS campus.



Go Forth Without Fear: Prison Ministry in the time of COVID-19

By Deacon Robert Vigil, Director, Pastoral Outreach



During this time of pandemic isolation, I often think of the Bernalillo County Jail, one of the many detention facilities within the boundaries of New Mexico. As Director of Pastoral Outreach for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, I am graced to minister to the incarcerated there, in addition to other detention centers, with a handful of volunteers.

There is a visit that stays in my memory — one I can remember as though it was yesterday. I was walking a corridor there, one that felt a mile long, housing men and women of many tongues in units, pods, and cells. I was distributing the Eucharist and was done for the day.

Walking back to the locker room, there was a man in shackles with four guards around him, passing me. He hollered out, "Good morning, Deacon! I would like to receive the body of Christ."

The guards brought him over to me and I was speechless; I explained that I was out of Eucharist.

He smiled at me and asked if I could pray with him as he knelt in front of me. As I held the ciborium, he asked if I could uncover it. He smiled from ear to ear, he licked the tip of a finger in handcuffs, and used it to pick up a crumb. He asked me to pray with him and, before he consumed, he prayed, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive

you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." He then consumed the crumb on his finger.

He began to cry, as did I when they resumed escorting him to his jail cell. As he continued down the corridor, he hollered, "Thanks be to God!"

At that moment, I thought to myself, "Today, I saw the face of God at the Bernalillo County Detention Center."

It has been two months since my last visit to the Bernalillo County Jail. During the coronavirus pandemic, we have been barred access to such facilities. Only one is allowing us to minister a weekly Bible study via Zoom.

We continue to supply some of the facilities with Bibles and rosaries. We continue to correspond with inmates who are soon to become returning citizens through our ministry called Thresholds.

The needs of the incarcerated are many; their presence is genuinely a diverse community, though many are of the same color. Some of the inmates are also paid detention personnel, but they too need our prayers.

On May 31st, we celebrated Pentecost Sunday. "Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind... and tongues as of fire... and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:2-4)

At the Pentecost Feast, just as the Apostles were called by Jesus Christ to unlock their doors and go forth into the world, we too are moved by the Holy Spirit among this pandemic world. Pope Francis calls on us to go into the peripheries, to take on the smell of the sheep — there you will see the face of Christ.

May we portray the image of Jesus Christ to all we encounter and not allow this pandemic to stifle us. Let us go forth without fear, for we have been anointed with the Holy Spirit through Baptism, Confirmation, and Pentecost, the birthday of our Mother church.

This article first appeared online at Catholic Mobilizing Network

PMD Continuing to Serve in the Time of COVID-19

*By Michelle Montez, Executive Director,
Pastoral Ministries Division*

For those of us serving in the Pastoral Ministries Division, our ministry work and our everyday routine has truly changed, just as it has for everyone living through this global pandemic. In mid-March 2020, in compliance with the governor's stay at home order, members of the PMD began to work from home. Although we are not physically in the Catholic Center offices as this issue goes to press, our members are still hard at work for you.

Each of our ministerial offices has maintained viable and necessary service to parishes, parishioners and ministers, using newly learned methods as well as the tried and true, such as:

- conducting ministry meetings and instructional classes via remote access platforms so that formation continues to take place in a variety of ministry areas
- reaching out and staying connected with parishioners, ministers and parish leadership through the *PMD Express*, the *Mi Casa* and other newsletters, emails, social media, and good old-fashioned letters and phone calls
- planning and organizing for the possibility of presenting newly designed gathered and non-gathered instructions and events

Many of our division members have listened to the anxieties and worries of our co-workers, of members of parish staffs, of parents, families and pastors. Please know that it has also been our privilege to listen to your concerns and address them as we are able. In these uncertain times, we are happy to provide this ministry of presence-to offer prayerful support and heartfelt compassion.

As we prepare ourselves for the road ahead, all members of the Pastoral Ministries Division have recently completed training on the *Principals of Pastoral Care* presented by Mr. David Lichter, president of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains. In the upcoming months, our emphasis will be on designing and providing Pastoral Care training to our constituents and ministers throughout the archdiocese. Watch for emails and upcoming issues of the *PMD Express/ Mi Casa* for more information.

Archbishop Wester has invited us to embrace this COVID-19 time as a time of grace. Our division remains committed to and hopeful for the best outcomes. The PMD Offices of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe can be easily reached through email or by calling our offices at the Catholic Center. All office phone lines have been forwarded to personal cell phones at this time and members have access to their work emails from their home computers. Please feel free to contact us if your parish has a pastoral need.

Know that we continue to pray for you, for the Church and for the world. May the Spirit of God continue to guide and protect us.



Archbishop Wester calls for a second collection to benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

[Click this link to watch a special message from Archbishop Wester.](#)

Archbishop John C. Wester has approved an annual second collection to benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe on the weekend of August 15 and 16, 2020.

Funding from this important second collection will support vital, ongoing programs serving our community through a wide spectrum of services including bilingual early childhood education, adult basic education classes, refugee support, low-cost immigration and citizenship legal services, self-sufficiency and housing assistance, free senior transportation, and a food pantry.

Because of your generosity, this year Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe will celebrate our 75th year of finding solutions to some of the most pressing social challenges. Our mission is to put faith in action to improve the lives of those in need.

Ways to give:

Catholic Charities Annual 2nd Collection Envelopes should be provided with your parish envelopes

Write Catholic Charities in the memo field of your check

Drop it in the collection basket or mail it to your parish office

Make an online donation on your parish website-indicate that you are giving to Catholic Charities

Go to Catholic Charities website, www.ccasfnm.org, and give there!

To learn more about the programs and services of Catholic Charities, visit our website at www.ccasfnm.org.



Senior Transportation Recruits New Volunteers

Our newest Senior Transportation Services (STS) driver is not new to Catholic Charities. She and her husband, Damian, are special project volunteers who have been delivering food boxes to seniors during the COVID pandemic and help throughout the year as needed. They have attended the magnificent St. Nicholas Ball, and their son, Danny, began pre-school at the Children's Learning Center.

Currently, Crystal is on temporary furlough from her job. She misses the time engaging with her clients and decided to become a senior transportation volunteer. This is an opportune time to meet new people, discover new neighborhoods and bring some ray of hope and sunshine into the lives of others. Crystal exudes positive energy and is a gregarious person that can brighten anyone's day.

Taking elders to a medical appointment is not only a necessity, but also a real treat for seniors who have been in isolation. There

is no “generation gap” as Crystal and her female riders talk about “girl stuff” such as how bad they need a haircut, pedicure and manicure. One rider, Therese, even shares romantic stories about her late husband. Another rider, Jean, talks about family and values, which align with Crystal’s upbringing. “I look forward to hearing their stories and heeding their expert advice,” she says.

When Crystal returns to work, she will remain committed to supporting Catholic Charities in some capacity. “Driving seniors is most gratifying, she says, as they are so grateful and appreciative.” If you know anyone who might be interested in driving for the Senior Transportation program, please direct them to www.ccasfnm.org/volunteer.

Paycheck Protection Program Loan Progress

As the COVID-19 Pandemic began to unfold and Catholic Charities scrambled (as did many other nonprofits and businesses) to determine how we would continue to safely provide services to our clients and students and continue to pay our staff, we reached out to financial institutions to apply for a loan from the federal Paycheck Protection Program. We are grateful to Century Bank for being the first to accept our application and guide us through the process. We were approved for a \$585,000 federal loan, which has since been used almost exclusively to ensure that none of our staff are left jobless due to lack of funding. As of July we have used almost the entire loan to maintain operations, 92% of which has paid for staff salaries. We continue to follow federal guidelines, which qualify us for forgiveness of the loan, and have been closely monitoring our expenses related to COVID-19.

Unfortunately, our community has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, and we expect that the need for support will be higher than ever in the coming months. We rely heavily on our supporters to meet all the needs of our clients, for example to enable our adult learners to continue English as a Second Language, or High School Equivalency preparation, the use of computers is a necessity in this virtual environment. Additionally, we have had make certain changes to our building to ensure safety for all. If you are able, please consider making a contribution to our COVID-19 Relief fund online at www.ccasfnm.org.

In-Kind Donation Center Re-Opens!

We are happy to announce that our In-Kind Donation Center is accepting donations of household goods. Items donated to the Donation Center are used to furnish homes for recent arrivals and people who have been unhoused; every donation helps us be able to put a family in a warm and welcoming home. Now more than ever, the people we serve need safe places to shelter in place, social distance, and maintain personal hygiene.

Pickup service is available for large furniture items such as beds, tables and dressers.

To drop off items, please call 505.724.4678 and leave a voicemail. A volunteer will be in contact as soon as possible to organize a drop off time!

If you are sick or have sick family members in your home, please do not call until everyone in the household has been symptom-free for at least two weeks.

What we need:	Unfortunately we cannot accept:
Beds Dining tables + chairs Apartment-sized sofas and loveseats End tables, coffee tables Lamps Linens, dishes, pots and pans Nonperishable food	King-size beds Analog televisions Sectional sofas Hutches, credenzas Entertainment centers Clothing

WORLD NEWS

Late civil rights leaders 'changed course of history,' says archbishop

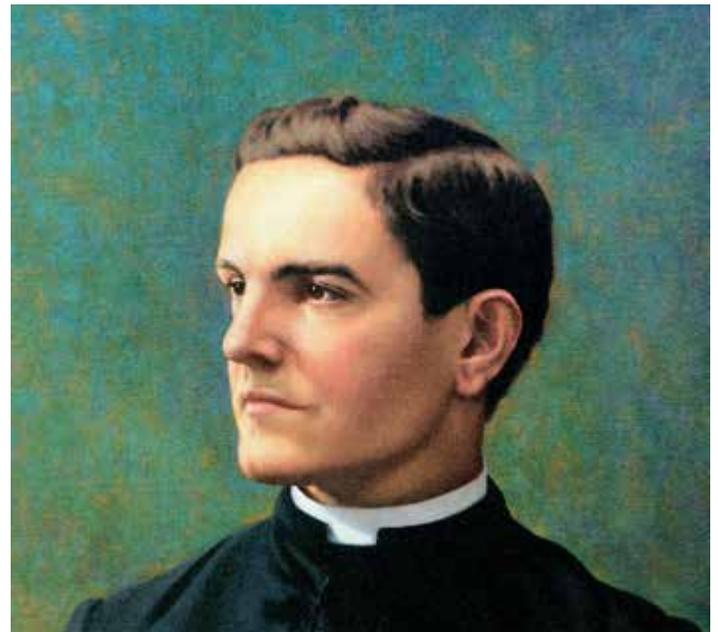
ATLANTA (CNS) -- The late Rep. John Lewis, D-Georgia, and another giant of the civil rights movement, the Rev. Cordy Tindell "C.T." Vivian, who died the same day as Lewis, "changed the course of history for our nation" because of their civil rights work, said Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer of Atlanta. Their work "stands as a testament to what nonviolent protest, fueled by love and a dedication to justice, can do," he said in a statement released shortly after the July 17 deaths of the congressman and Rev. Vivian. Lewis died after a six-month battle with advanced pancreatic cancer. He was 80. He represented Georgia's 5th Congressional District from 1987 until his death. Vivian died from natural causes two weeks before his 96th birthday. Both lived in Atlanta at the time of their deaths. Lewis lay in state at the Georgia Capitol July 29, the fifth day of a celebration of his life and legacy. A private funeral was to take place July 30 in the Horizon Sanctuary at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. A private funeral was held for Rev. Vivian July 23 at Providence Missionary Baptist Church, also in Atlanta. Both were friends of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and worked alongside him. In their fight against racial injustice, Rev. Vivian and Lewis participated in multiple protests and



worked to combat racism in the United States, which included fighting for voting rights. "Two of the greatest voices in American history were silenced this weekend," Archbishop Hartmayer said after their deaths. "The loss of Rev. C.T. Vivian and Congressman John Lewis are heavy ones to bear, especially as our nation again grapples with the awful sin of systemic racism."

FATHER MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

The beatification ceremony for Father Michael McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus, will be celebrated Oct. 31, 2020, in the Archdiocese of Hartford, Conn. Father McGivney is pictured in an undated portrait. On May 27 the Vatican announced Pope Francis had approved a miracle attributed to the priest's intercession, clearing the way for his beatification. (CNS file photo)



WORLD NEWS

Calling out racism, El Paso bishop forms commission a year after massacre

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- He was surrounded by photos of fellow El Pasoans, who spent the last moments of their lives one summer evening a year ago, running for safety while shopping at superstore. "We will have time for prayer, for silence, for calling to mind their names, both of those who died and those who were wounded on that day," said Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, Texas, recalling the mass shooting at an area Walmart Aug. 3, 2019. "We will speak their names and remember them especially by our active prayer which we believe can be the most powerful way that we can accompany and assist those suffering." But prayer alone, while powerful, has to be accompanied by actions to make sure the hate visited on the El Paso community that day vanishes one day, said Bishop Seitz Aug. 1, while gathered with civic and other spiritual leaders announcing the formation of a commission to examine ways that may lead to the eradication of the hate that prompted the attack taking the lives of the 23 El Pasoans and wounding another 25 victims. The alleged shooter Patrick Crusius, of Allen, Texas, is facing 23 counts of hate crimes resulting in death, and 23 counts of use of a firearm to commit murder, among other charges leveled against him.

U.S. House appropriations measure blocks conscience protection rule

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- An omnibus appropriations bill approved by the House July 31 to fund a dozen federal departments and agencies blocks a conscience protection rule for health care providers who do not want to participate in abortion, sterilization or assisted suicide on religious or moral grounds. "These poison pill provisions in H.R. 7617 seek to undermine the pro-life policies of the Trump administration," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "Sadly, those who would suffer from the

pro-abortion provisions would be women and their unborn children." With a 217-197 vote, the House passed the Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2021. H.R. 7617 blocks implementation and enforcement of a rule titled "Protecting Statutory Conscience Rights in Health Care," issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights. The rule was published in the Federal Register May 21, 2019. It says medical workers or institutions do not have to provide, participate in or pay for procedures they object to on moral or religious grounds, such as abortion and sterilization. It was to have taken effect July 22, 2019, but enforcement was postponed because of court challenges.

Pope tells young people at Medjugorje to let Mary inspire guide them

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Let Mary inspire and guide young people today, Pope Francis told participants at the annual International Youth Festival at the Marian shrine in Medjugorje. Mary will always be "the great model of the church" because she is ready to follow Christ with vitality and docility, he said in a message to those attending the festival Aug. 1-6 in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He said, "her 'yes' means getting involved and taking a risk, without any guarantee besides the certainty of being the bearer of a promise," and her example continues to show the beauty in freely entrusting oneself completely to the hands of God. "May her example captivate and guide you!" he said. The pope's message, released to journalists Aug. 2, was read at the festival Aug. 1. Though it was the 31st edition of the annual festival, it was the first time a papal message was sent to the event after it became an officially approved church festival in 2019. That approval came three months after Catholic pilgrimages to the site in Bosnia-Herzegovina were authorized by the pope.

German author says retired Pope Benedict is 'extremely frail'



Retired Pope Benedict XVI speaks to his private secretary, Archbishop Georg Ganswein, at Germany's Munich Airport before his departure to Rome June 22, 2020." (CNS photo/Sven Hoppe, pool via Reuters)

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- An author with a long and close relationship to retired Pope Benedict XVI told a German newspaper that the 93-year-old retired pope is "extremely frail." Peter Seewald, the author who has published four wide-ranging book-length interviews with the retired pope, was quoted in the Aug. 3 edition of the Bavarian newspaper Passauer Neue Presse. Seewald said he visited with Pope Benedict Aug. 1 to present him with a copy of the authorized biography, "Benedict XVI: A Life." The retired pope lives in the Mater Ecclesia monastery in the Vatican Gardens. Seewald said he visited with the former pontiff there in the company of Archbishop Georg Ganswein, Pope Benedict's personal secretary. The Vatican press office said late Aug. 3 that Archbishop Ganswein insisted there was no reason "for particular concern" over the retired pope's health "other than that of a 93-year-old who is overcoming the most acute phase of a painful, but not serious, illness" -- herpes zoster, commonly known as shingles.

WORLD NEWS

Calling out racism, El Paso bishop forms commission a year after massacre

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- He was surrounded by photos of fellow El Pasoans, who spent the last moments of their lives one summer evening a year ago, running for safety while shopping at superstore. "We will have time for prayer, for silence, for calling to mind their names, both of those who died and those who were wounded on that day," said Bishop Mark J. Seitz of El Paso, Texas, recalling the mass shooting at an area Walmart Aug. 3, 2019. "We will speak their names and remember them especially by our active prayer which we believe can be the most powerful way that we can accompany and assist those suffering." But prayer alone, while powerful, has to be accompanied by actions to make sure the hate visited on the El Paso community that day vanishes one day, said Bishop Seitz Aug. 1, while gathered with civic and other spiritual leaders announcing the formation of a commission to examine ways that may lead to the eradication of the hate that prompted the attack taking the lives of the 23 El Pasoans and wounding another 25 victims. The alleged shooter Patrick Crusius, of Allen, Texas, is facing 23 counts of hate crimes resulting in death, and 23 counts of use of a firearm to commit murder, among other charges leveled against him.

U.S. House appropriations measure blocks conscience protection rule

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- An omnibus appropriations bill approved by the House July 31 to fund a dozen federal departments and agencies blocks a conscience protection rule for health care providers who do not want to participate in abortion, sterilization or assisted suicide on religious or moral grounds. "These poison pill provisions in H.R. 7617 seek to undermine the pro-life policies of the Trump administration," said Carol Tobias, president of National Right to Life. "Sadly, those who would suffer from the pro-abortion provisions would be women and their unborn children." With a 217-197 vote, the House passed the Defense, Commerce, Justice, Science, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services and General Government, Labor, Health and Human

Services, Education, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act of 2021. H.R. 7617 blocks implementation and enforcement of a rule titled "Protecting Statutory Conscience Rights in Health Care," issued by the Department of Health and Human Services Office for Civil Rights. The rule was published in the Federal Register May 21, 2019. It says medical workers or institutions do not have to provide, participate in or pay for procedures they object to on moral or religious grounds, such as abortion and sterilization. It was to have taken effect July 22, 2019, but enforcement was postponed because of court challenges.

Pope tells young people at Medjugorje to let Mary inspire guide them

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Let Mary inspire and guide young people today, Pope Francis told participants at the annual International Youth Festival at the Marian shrine in Medjugorje. Mary will always be "the great model of the church" because she is ready to follow Christ with vitality and docility, he said in a message to those attending the festival Aug. 1-6 in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He said, "her 'yes' means getting involved and taking a risk, without any guarantee besides the certainty of being the bearer of a promise," and her example continues to show the beauty in freely entrusting oneself completely to the hands of God. "May her example captivate and guide you!" he said. The pope's message, released to journalists Aug. 2, was read at the festival Aug. 1. Though it was the 31st edition of the annual festival, it was the first time a papal message was sent to the event after it became an officially approved church festival in 2019. That approval came three months after Catholic pilgrimages to the site in Bosnia-Herzegovina were authorized by the pope.

Nicaraguan bishops denounce Managua cathedral arson attack as 'terrorism'

MEXICO CITY (CNS) -- The Nicaraguan bishops' conference has called an arson attack on the Managua cathedral "an

act of terrorism," but vowed not to be intimidated as a government campaign of intolerance targeting the Catholic Church turns increasingly cruel and involves acts of sacrilege. A still-unidentified assailant entered the cathedral's Blood of Christ chapel July 31 and threw an explosive device, according to Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes of Managua. Flames engulfed the chapel, severely charring a 382-year old image of the crucified Christ. "We condemn and reject such a violent and extremist act, typical of an act of terrorism, premeditated and planned to seriously offend our faith in Christ the redeemer and our Nicaraguan history and identity," the bishops said in an Aug. 1 statement. At the Vatican Aug. 2, Pope Francis prayed for Nicaragua and said told people during his Angelus address: "I am thinking of the people of Nicaragua who are suffering because of the attack in the cathedral of Managua, where an image of Christ that is highly venerated, that has accompanied and sustained the life of the faithful people for centuries, was greatly damaged, almost destroyed."

Christians must courageously share with others, pope says at Angelus

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- True compassion requires "courageous sharing," not telling people to go fend for themselves, Pope Francis said. God operates according to "the logic of taking responsibility for others, the logic of not washing one's hands, the logic of not looking the other way," he said before praying the Angelus with visitors in St. Peter's Square Aug. 2. Telling people to "'fend for themselves,' should not enter into the Christian vocabulary," he said. The pope's remarks were part of his reflection on the day's Gospel reading about the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes

Bishops to Congress: Help Black families meet children's educational needs

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- As the pandemic has "disproportionately affected" predominately Black communities and the

WORLD NEWS

Catholic schools that serve them, Congress must provide immediate financial help to families who have chosen these schools for their children's education, said the chairmen of three U.S. bishops' committees. "We are imploring your help for these families" in the next economic stimulus bill currently under consideration by Congress, the bishops said in a July 30 letter to U.S. Rep. Karen Bass, D-California, chairwoman of the Congressional Black Caucus. They asked for Congress to designate emergency funding for direct scholarship aid to low- and middle-income families with children in Catholic schools and other nonpublic schools. The letter, released July 31, was signed by Bishop Michael C. Barber of Oakland, California, chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Catholic Education; Bishop Shelton J. Fabre of Houma-Thibodaux, Louisiana, chairman of the USCCB's Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism; and Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry of Chicago, chairman of the USCCB's Subcommittee on African American Affairs. "Catholic schools are facing a crisis at this very moment," the three bishops said.

Catholic prayer, meditation app Hallow sees huge increase in popularity

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- When the developers of the Catholic meditation app Hallow launched it in 2018, they hoped to attract young Catholics, but what is now the country's No. 1 Catholic app has a bigger reach than that. "It started as this focus on young adults but actually we've seen a lot more. ... Parents and retired folks get really excited about it and start using it," said Hallow's CEO and co-founder, Alex Jones. Hallow -- <https://hallow.com> -- has seen a dramatic increase in popularity and getting more and more users each day. The No. 1 rating is based on "Apple's algorithm, which they don't disclose," Jones told Catholic News Service in a July 21 interview. "It's based on how many people have reviewed it in the last few weeks, how many people are downloading it, how many have viewed. We started off on the bottom of the list, went to No. 3, then jumped to No. 1 about six months ago." Hallow is based out of Chicago even though the company started off in California's Silicon Valley. Creation of the app is

integrated with Jones' own faith journey. His family raised him as a Catholic, but he strayed from the faith in high school and college. He went to the University of Notre Dame but he was going through a "relatively dark time in life," he told Catholic News Service.

Advocates demand ICE comply with order to release children in detention

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- Franciscan Father Jacek Orzechowski and dozens of other immigration advocates rallied outside the Washington headquarters of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement July 27 calling on the agency to release immigrant children being held in detention with their parents. The group also brought 300,000 signatures on a petition demanding the agency release the children, but the building's security detail would not accept the signatures they tried to deliver. "St. John Paul II reminds us that 'the family is the sanctuary of life, a domestic church where we receive our formative ideas about truth and goodness, where we learn to be truly human,'" Father Orzechowski said in a statement. "Family is at the heart of the culture of life. Separating children from their parents, subjecting them to grave physical and emotional harm is dehumanizing, callous and a part of the culture of death," said the priest, a friar with the Franciscans' Holy Name Province, who currently directs parish community organizing and advocacy efforts at Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Washington. He urged ICE to "choose life" and "release from your custody the immigrant children together with their parents."

Some Christians see Turkey's Hagia Sophia move as attempt to expand Islam

AMMAN, Jordan (CNS) -- Catholics and other Christians are upset by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's conversion of Hagia Sophia, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, into a functioning mosque where Muslim Friday prayers were recited recently. Many observers see the controversial move as part of Erdogan's bigger attempt to reenact the Ottoman Empire expansionism in the

Middle East by pushing his Islamist agenda. "I was very much shocked by the news that Hagia Sophia had become a mosque. It's a provocative act," Jesuit Father Samir Khalil Samir, a noted Egyptian Catholic theologian and Islamic studies scholar, told Catholic News Service. "This monument from the sixth century belongs to the whole world. It is in Turkey, but it belongs to those who built it, the Christians, and for a time Islam took it. I'm sure the decision will play against Erdogan, even in the Muslim world," said Father Samir, who founded the Arab Christian Documentation and Research Center in Beirut and taught at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome. An architectural masterpiece, the massive Hagia Sophia was built as an Orthodox Christian cathedral and stood as the seat of Eastern Christianity for a thousand years before Ottoman Turks conquered its host city, then known as Constantinople, in 1453.



HAGIA SOPHIA GRAND MOSQUE

Muslims attend Friday prayers outside Hagia Sophia Grand Mosque in Istanbul July 24, 2020. Hagia Sophia was built as an Orthodox Christian cathedral and stood as the seat of Eastern Christianity for a thousand years before Ottoman Turks conquered its host city and turned it into a mosque in 1453. In 1934, it was designated as a museum revered as a symbol of Christian and Muslim unity until being transformed into a mosque this July. (CNS photo/Umit Bektas, Reuters)

TOWN HALL Continued from page 11**July 15, 2020**

Q: If we can go to Mass on Sunday, can we also meet in our prayer groups during the week?

A: In this particular instance, I say no, we should stay home but you could have your group in a zoom call. The whole idea is to minimize the time we are out of the house and to do our best to stay safe. As important as prayer groups are, it is not the right time for them now.

Q: In my parish, the air-conditioning is not very efficient and although our priest's homilies are good, we have to be in church for a long time. In the heat, it's very difficult to breathe with the masks on. Can we take them off during the homily?

A: No, your mask must stay on the whole time. I will say, the priests and deacons have been informed no homily is to go longer than five minutes. If you experience longer homilies, please speak with your pastor. If that doesn't work, please contact Fr. Glenn Jones, Vicar for Clergy and he will be happy to help you.

Q: Will faith-formation classes for children be delayed in opening?

A: It's still being decided as far as religious education and catechesis programs. (For more information and updates go to our website and our Facebook, too.)

Q: I have seen people receive communion on a napkin, a kleenex or with gloves on. Do we have to do this?

A: No, it is not liturgically appropriate. The minister or priest is washing and disinfecting their hands thoroughly before distributing communion and several times during the distribution. You yourself should be washing/disinfecting hands before you come to church.

Q: What is the availability of confession? Can we take communion to the sick and/or our family?

A: You certainly can take communion, check with your parish priest, following the proper protocols of course. In terms of confession, check with your pastor but they have been offering confession - but of course all parishes are different.

Q: How are weddings organized, can there be music and can we sing?

A: We don't allow singing during the ceremony in church. The pastor can explain the parameters to you as far as the number of attendees and social distancing. There is the possibility of live-streaming the ceremony so others who cannot be in attendance will be able to enjoy and participate in it.

Q: When will lectors and extraordinary ministers of holy communion over 60 years of age be allowed to exercise their ministry at Mass? There are older readers that are willing to start proclaiming now, but we cannot do so because of the age limit.

A: The protocols are in place until such time that it is safe it just depends on when the time comes.

Q: What information can you give us about schools reopening?

A: Our Catholic schools are in a different situation than our public schools because of the numbers. As of now (this is a very fluid situation) yes we are opening with full attendance but the students will be placed with into cohorts.

They will not mix; they'll be in their own bubble so there will be a variety of ways to learn. There will be very strict protocols.

Q: Can you clarify if ceremonies or Masses can have a cantor or a choir?

A: Singing is one of the main ways to transmit the disease so a choir will not be allowed. You can have a cantor, but no singing. Sadly, it is not allowed.

Q: Is there a plan for the Blue Mass for the first responders that is coming up?

A: It has been cancelled due to bringing so many people together. We are going to designate a Mass at the Cathedral for our first responders and military. We will get the word out when the date is decided.

July 29, 2020

Q: It was reported today New Mexico has 352 new cases and six deaths resulting from coronavirus. The total cases in New Mexico are now over 20,000 with 632 deaths; what have you been doing to protect yourself from COVID-19?

A: I have been following the protocols to the best of my ability. I have my different masks that I wear, I try to socially distance and I'm constantly washing my hands. When I go to the grocery store, I bring my Clorox wipes to wipe everything off and of course, I ask for the Lord's protection for me, my family and friends and I just follow protocol.

Q: I've been hearing a lot about the Census lately. Why should Catholics be concerned with participating in it?

A: The census is very important because it has to do with public funding. Our roads, libraries, social and medical services all are based on that count. The representation in congress is based on the count. You can do it on the computer, on the phone and not put yourself or others in danger. I encourage everyone to respond to the census if you haven't already.

Q: We were so surprised to hear about the departure of our beloved Jesuits from Immaculate Conception Parish in Albuquerque. Who is going to take over? Can you please address that?

A: We are very sad to see our brother Jesuits go. I have a particular personal sadness in that I moved into the Jesuit rectory a few months ago and I gotten to know them better; they will be very missed. It's a question of personnel and they are no longer able to staff the parish. The archdiocese will take over because we own it. They were staffing it and so now we'll staff it ourselves with diocesan priests. It will be sad, but at the same time the Lord is always inviting us into new life. Fr. Brussard will remain there until June 2021 and then we'll assign a new pastor.

Q: There are some who are not taking social distancing and wearing masks seriously. Why is it important that Catholics rely on the advice of medical experts and not just our faith?

A: Grace builds on nature. Faith and science go together, they aren't opposed to each other. Faith doesn't attack science and science doesn't attack faith - the two go hand in hand. Faith has an important place, but can't be seen in isolation. You have to embrace science. God gave us a brain and intelligence and the prudence to learn and to make judgements based on that learning...so we have to follow the medical guidance. It's not about going against our faith, the two go hand-in-hand.



Q: Could we possibly gather to provide RCIA faith formation classes and baptism preparation classes as long as we are following social distancing and capacity guidelines? What do you think religious education will look like in the near future, especially in communities with few resources and catechists who cannot use technology?

A: As long as you're following the guidelines, and I've asked individual pastors to exercise their prudential judgement so one pastor might decide to be more strict than the guidelines ask us to be, and the pastors cannot be less strict or more liberal with the guidelines. That would be fine as long as you follow the guidelines, emphasizing the pastor may have stricter guidelines.

Q: What do you think religious education classes will look like in the near future, especially in communities with few resources and catechists who cannot use technology?

A: We do have a committee to look at those kinds of questions - what will our classes look like going forward? Certainly there will be changes. There will possibly be a hybrid, some will be online, some will be in person and we'll have small groups. Sr. Edna is doing a wonderful job with religious education.

Q: The isolation is affecting our youth mentally and emotionally as they struggle with only screen interactions. They see their parish as their extended family. Would it be possible to open high school youth ministry if we have youth groups in pods of five- gathering with only their respective school affiliations - if they are masked and sanitized?

A: Yes, as long as they're following the protocol they can do it. The problem is these typical gatherings we had during "normal" times wouldn't work because there would be too many people in one space. I think we all realize when you're wearing a mask and socially distancing it does affect communication and how we connect to one another. A lot of the youth group activities would be more difficult to have, but we can be creative and do the best that we can.

Q: What words of encouragement would you offer these young people who have just received their Confirmation and want to live their faith in their communities?

A: Really remember that we're a church and we aren't a

club, we're not a political organization. Don't forget the power of prayer. Pray intentionally; pause in the midst of your day and pray for protection, pray for people who are suffering from COVID, pray for the safety and well-being of your family. Make it a conscious intention to say this isn't easy on my family either, so make it a point to be nicer than usual, to be generous and do as much as you can do. Finally, see what you could do safely within the protocols by volunteering in ways such as distributing food and see if you could volunteer and to be doing things behind the scenes to help the community.

Q: What guidance can you provide to families who are having a hard time at home, either because of financial problems, because someone in the family is sick, or because of fear of the impact of the pandemic?

A: Communication is essential. If you feel yourself spiraling into despondency and depression, if you feel anxious and worried, communicate and talk it out with your family and friends - that is really important. You could always get help through the phone or zoom and there are a lot of people out there that could help you. I would also read the healing word of God and listen to what Jesus tells us about how God is always with us. Jesus has promised to always be with us until the end of the age. If you are depressed, ask God for the grace that you need during this time. Exercise, sleep and eat a balanced meal; be careful with alcohol - it doesn't drown your sorrows, it adds to it.

Q: Can we use social media to gather parishes, priests and parishioners for a unified prayer for peace, protection and healing?

A: Yes, that is a very good thing you could even do it over Zoom.

Q: I very much appreciate the idea of this town hall that you have started with the focus on COVID-19. As the discussion of the pandemic winds down would you please consider continuing the town hall as an open forum for a variety of topics of Catholic interest?

A: Yes, I would love to do that. It's wonderful way to get the word out and I like to hear what your questions are. It helps me to grow and I'd love to share whatever I can with you. We can do different times of the day depending on people's schedules, in the morning, afternoon or evening.

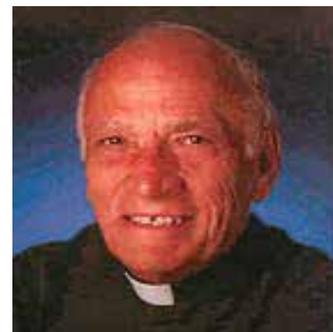
Q
&
A

Rest in Peace

Reverend Samuel James Falbo passed away at the age of 87 on Monday, August 3, 2020 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Rev. Falbo was ordained on May 28, 1960 for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. He served as Parochial Assistant at St. Bernadette in Albuquerque, as faculty for St. Pius X High School for numerous years, secretary to the archbishop, chaplain and teacher at Loretto in Santa Fe, as Chaplain for New Mexico School for the Deaf in Santa Fe, assisting at Holy Ghost, as faculty and Dean of Discipline at Immaculate Heart of Mary

Seminary in Santa Fe, assisting at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Albuquerque, worked with Pueblo communities in northern New Mexico, as medical technician for Bernalillo County Medical Center in Albuquerque, assistant at Our Lady of the Annunciation in Albuquerque, as Parochial Vicar at St. Anthony of Padua in Las Vegas, NV, and Administrator of St. Andrew Catholic Community in Boulder City, NV.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
Thurs, Aug 13 5:30(English) 6:30pm (Spanish)	Zoom Liturgy Workshop - Celebrating the Sacraments in the midst of COVID -19 https://tinyurl.com/y2x49h97
Sat, Aug 15	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Aug 15-16	Special Collection - Catholic Charities
Mon, Aug 24 5:30 (English) 6:30pm (Spanish)	Zoom Lector Training - Best Practices during this time of extraordinary times COVID -19
Sept 5-6	Special Collection for Seminarians
Mon, Sept 7	Labor Day

ARCHBISHOP'S SCHEDULE

August

Sat, Aug 8
Mass - Sons of the Holy Family 100th anniversary of presence in New Mexico

Weds, Aug 12
[Facebook Live Town Hall](#) (English 6-6:30 p.m. MT; Spanish 6:30-7p.m. MT - Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official)

Weds, Aug 26
[Facebook Live Town Hall](#) (English 6-6:30 p.m. MT; Spanish 6:30-7p.m. MT - Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official)

Weds, Sept 9
[Facebook Live Town Hall](#) (English 6-6:30 p.m. MT; Spanish 6:30-7p.m. MT - Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official)

Thurs, Sept 10
Visitation with Carmelites

Fri, Sept 11
Misa del Pregon, Rosario Cemetery

Sat, Sept 12
Listening Session, NE Deanery

Sun, Sept 13
Live-streamed Fiesta Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

Archbishop John C. Wester will be broadcasting Daily Mass each weekday. The link can be found on our website archdiosf.org/mass-schedules or on our Facebook page ([Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official](#)). It will also be on Relevant Radio/The Archbishop's Hour 98.9FM at the same time.

Sunday Live-Streamed Masses with Archbishop Wester will be streamed from the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi at 10 a.m. Mass will be uploaded by the Cathedral on their YouTube channel later that Sunday afternoon, or you can listen to Archbishop's Mass at 10 a.m. on www.ksvvradio.com. Videos are courtesy of Cathedral staff and are streamed on the Cathedral's Facebook page ([@CathedralBasilicaOfStFrancisOfAssisi](#))

Sunday Televised Mass Schedule with other presiders

English Televised Sunday Mass at 6:30 a.m.
KASY My50TV

English Televised Sunday Mass at 7:30 a.m.
KRQE 13.2
KBIM 10.2
KREZ 6.2
Comcast and Dish Network- 2
Direct TV - 16

Spanish Sunday Mass
7 a.m. KASY My50TV
8 a.m. on KSWV 810 AM/99.9 FM.

NOBODY DELIVERS FASTER



Business & Workplace Products
New Mexico's Largest Home Owned & Independent Office Supply Company

345-3414

5900 Midway Park NE • Albuquerque, NM
www.midwayos.com

2020 Abuse Awareness Training for Adults Creating a Safe Environment for Our Children

Sponsored by the ASF

**PROMISE
to Protect**

ALL CLASSES HAVE BEEN
POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ANNIVERSARIES

Romero, Valdez

Mr. Benedict O. Valdez and Miss Helen Romero were joined in holy matrimony on July 18, 1970 at Santo Nino Parish/ Tierra Amarilla. Their daughter, Merlinda Valdez reflects, "It brings joy to my heart to see the way that my parents still love each other after 50 years together. It's the little things like seeing my mom give my dad a kiss when she thinks no one is watching. Or my dad sitting at her bedside after a surgery and refusing to leave her side. Their marriage



has been an example to me of how God loves His church. So unselfishly and wholeheartedly. We are truly blessed!"

With this ring...

Did you hear wedding bells in 1960/1970?

Celebrate your golden or diamond anniversary with the People of God. You are invited to include the information below and have it published in one of our issues:

- Groom's name
- Bride's Maiden name
- Date you received the Sacrament of Matrimony
- Parish Town/City
- Parish to which you presently belong
- 100 words about your family or a brief reflection of life
- Your phone number & email address

Mail to: People of God
 4000 St. Joseph's Pl NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120
 or email lradigan@archdiosf.org and attach a hi-res jpg
 Photo & story must be received by the 10th of the month. If you'd like your photo returned, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**To advertise in People of God,
 THE MAGAZINE
 contact Leslie M. Radigan at
 505-831-8162
 or email
lradigan@archdiosf.org**

BERGER BRIGGS

REAL ESTATE & INSURANCE



4333 Pan American Fwy. NE
 ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87107
 PHONE: (505) 247-0444
 FAX: (505) 243-1505

The specialists of Berger Briggs handle all types of real estate and insurance: commercial, industrial, and investment real estate; full property management; contractor bonds and all lines of insurance. For over 80 years, in a field where reputation and high ethical standards really count, clients have trusted Berger Briggs.

John A. Menicucci, CPM
 President / Real Estate

Gabriel Portillo
 President / Insurance

Ryan F. Brennan
 Vice-President
 Insurance

Kaelan M. Brennan
 Secretary-Treasurer
 Insurance

REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Curtis A. Brewer, CCIM
 Bill Campbell
 Bruce Golden
 Dan Hernandez, JD
 Larry McClintock
 Timothy P. Mullane
 Vangie Pavlakos CCIM

Jim Schneider
 Stuart Sherman
 Tai Alley
 Dave Vincioni
 Alan Vincioni
 Dede Walden

ACCOUNTING

Brittany Chacon
 Ashley Dolzani
 Megan-Anne Launey

Mary Jo Nettles
 Connie Straughn

INSURANCE

Sherry Anderson
 Linda Atkinson
 Jeannie Boyd
 Frederic Brennan
 Sophia Diaz
 John Hansen
 Damon Lucero
 Frank Melendez
 Pam Muzzi
 Ryan Myers
 Carolyn Nasi
 Brian O'Malley
 Carol Pinnell

Melissa A. Portillo
 William Raskob
 Angela Romero
 Sheryl Roy
 Dee Silva
 Ann Skelley, CISR
 Barbara Steirwalt
 Debra Stiles
 Jessica Vargas
 Kathy Yeager
 Keith Yeager
 Erica Zuniga



Young people participating in Catholic Charities Refugee Support programs need your help! Please sponsor a student and provide them with the tools they need to learn in the classroom and through our virtual programs.

Let's Make a Difference



It's simple, to adopt a student and receive a list of needed supplies, go to:

<https://www.ccasfnm.org/adoptastudent.html>

All filled backpacks should be returned to our In-Kind Donation Center at 3600 Osuna Blvd. NE #519

**August 6 and 7
from 9 am to 2 pm**



Questions?

Call 724-4694 or email
freezek@ccasfnm.org

Visit our website
www.ccasfnm.org