



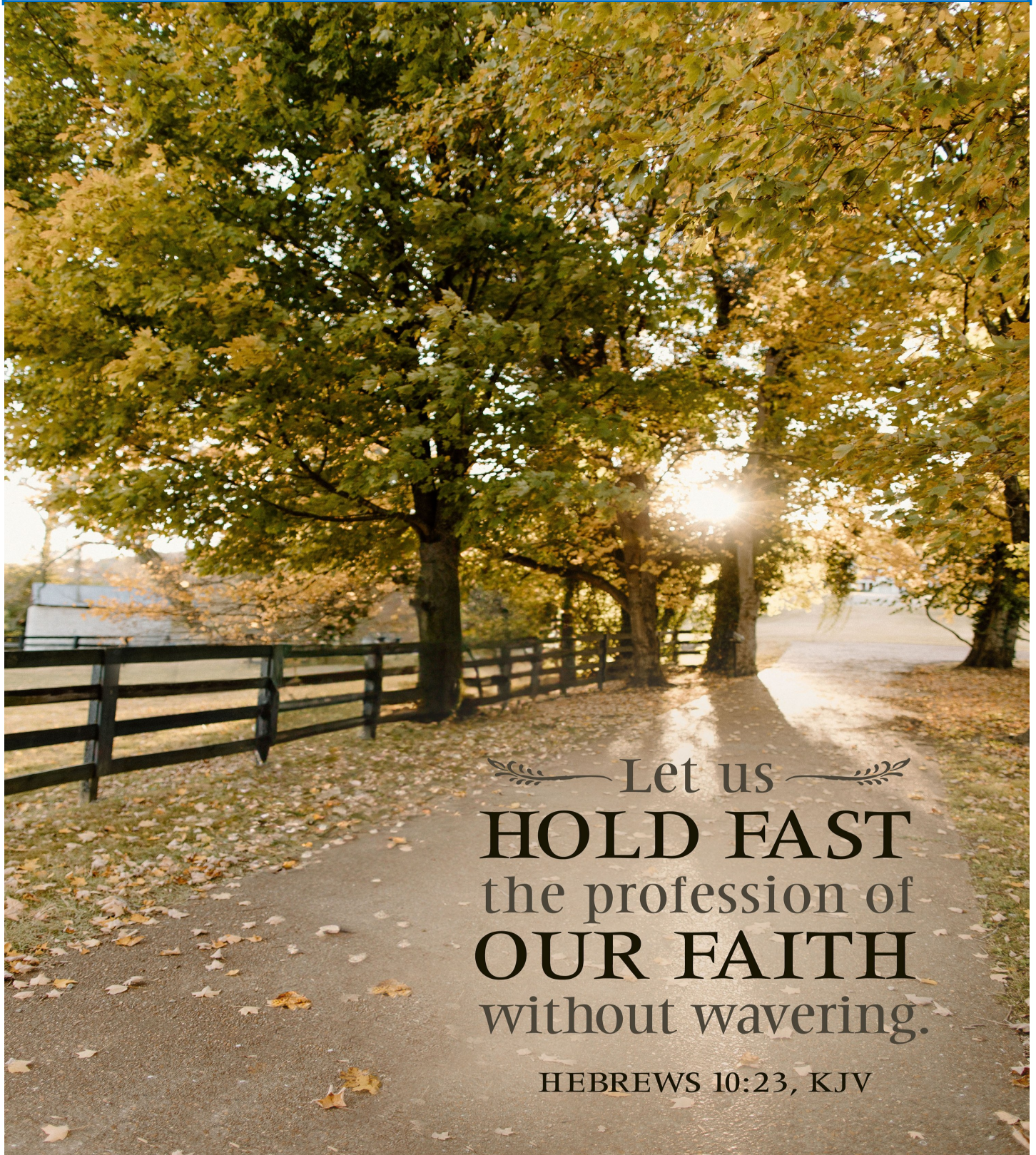
El Diácono



October 2026

A Newsletter for the Deacons of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Issue 55E



— Let us —
HOLD FAST
the profession of
OUR FAITH
without wavering.

HEBREWS 10:23, KJV



One of my favorite things about living in the great state of New Mexico is that we have four seasons. Growing up in Phoenix, I was denied that opportunity! It was always just summer and winter. And how I have really grown to appreciate the Fall season!

Change is an important aspect of life and, while our experience of change is mostly slow and incremental, sometimes it can be rather dramatic (even our seasonal changes can be that way). Sometimes we know that change is coming—we grow older, we anticipate the birth of a child or grandchild, etc. These liminal times can be exciting as well as stressful. As we wait for the announcement about a new archbishop, we may be feeling both excited and stressful.

Perhaps we can look at this as a metaphor for our lives as Christians as we journey through this life to the next. We exist in a liminal state, awaiting for the Kingdom to come. Soon we will be in the midst of Advent—a celebration of that liminal state.

Whoever our new archbishop is, we can be assured that, through the change, most of our ministry will remain the same. Let us pray for a smooth transition and for the health and well-being of our current Archbishop Wester!

As we wait, there is a lot of stuff going on. I hope that you will find lots of useful information in this newsletter. About 120 of you attended the retreat (most with your wives) and I was so pleased that the vast majority of you stayed until the end! I know how hard it is to free ourselves from ministerial responsibilities, but as Deacon Scott reminded us, it is critical for us to take care of ourselves, too.

We have a couple of in-service opportunities coming up, a new deacon formation class about to begin, information about the Rosary Rally, and much more.

Finally, I want to acknowledge Deacons John Cordova, Michael Illerbrun and Jeffrey Schaff, outgoing officers of the Deacon Council, for their remarkable efforts in reorganizing the council post covid. And thanks to Dcn. Steven Sais, the new Chair along with Dcn. Ed Leyba (Vice-chair) and Melissa Cole (Secretary) for their willingness to continue to build on the work that has already been accomplished.

As always, I am here to assist you in your role as a deacon. Don't hesitate to contact me if you need some support.

Peace,

Dcn. Keith Davis

Director, Office of Deacons
Chancellor



“Servants of Mercy”



Did you attend the retreat? You can submit your evaluation by [CLIC KING HERE](#).





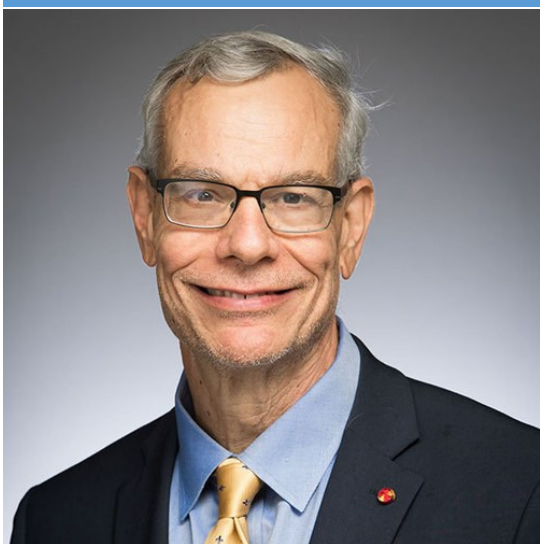
Connecting the Dots:

The Life of Devotion and the Preferential Option for the Poor.

With Dr. John C. Cavadini

Former McGrath-Cavadini Director, McGrath Institute for Church Life; Director of the Doctoral Program in Theology Department at the University of Notre Dame

Winner of the 2026 Ratzinger Prize in Theology.



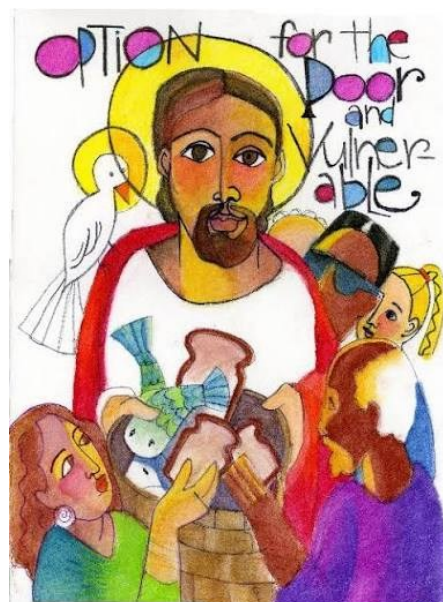
Archbishop Wester is inviting Permanent Deacons and Deacon Candidates and their wives to a special evening with Dr. John Cavadini, professor of theology at Notre Dame.

Friday, October 16

6:30pm to 9pm

St. John XXIII Parish

4831 Tramway Ridge Dr NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111



Registration is required: [CLICK HERE](#)





Holy Ground

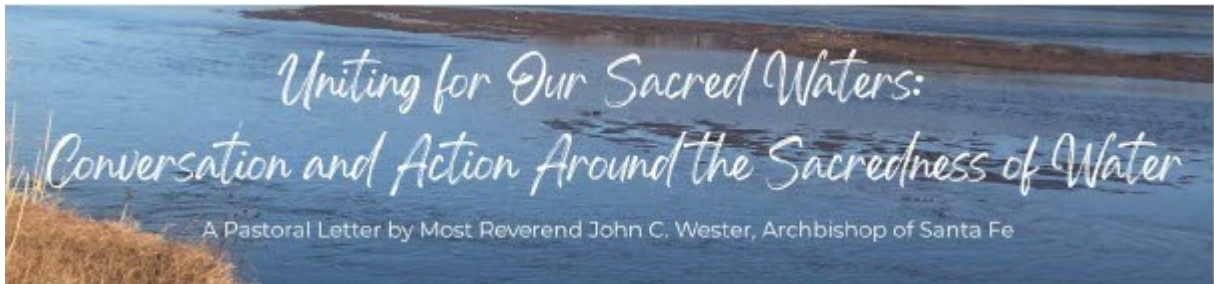
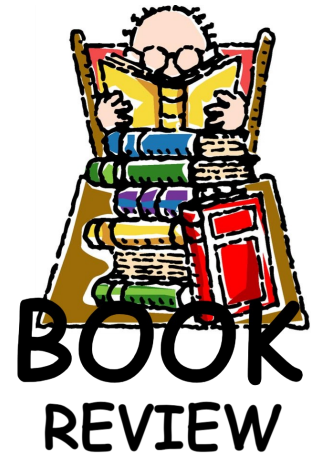
Why Toxic Leadership Cannot Survive Where Holiness Lives

By John O'Malley

Whether you are a victim of toxic leadership in the Church or you are a leader, O'Malley's book is for you. The author exposes the truth of how toxic leadership, the kind that ruins the lives of the ministers in their charge, has wreaked havoc on the Church.

O'Malley offers a message of hope—freedom for those who have been abused by such leadership and rescue for leaders who are trending towards being toxic themselves.

The author brings decades of experience and roots his thesis in Scripture (though using the King James translation may be annoying to some).



In "Uniting for Our Sacred Waters: Conversation and Action Around the Sacredness of Water," Archbishop John C. Wester invites Catholics and all people of goodwill to recognize water not simply as a resource, but as a sacred gift essential to all life and entrusted to our care. Rooted in Catholic teaching and New Mexico's unique spiritual, cultural, and environmental landscape, the pastoral letter calls for a renewed relationship with water; one grounded in gratitude, reverence, responsibility, justice, and action.

Uniting for Our Sacred Waters: Conversation and Action Around the Sacredness of Water [PDF](#)

Click [here](#) for the summary of Archbishop Wester's letter.



Deacon Formation

We Need More Deacons!

If you know of a man who you think would make a good deacon, feel free to discuss this with him and have him contact the Deacon Office. Better yet, he can fill out an information form at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/kdavis5430/inquirercontact>

General Criteria for Acceptance Into Deacon Formation

- Is committed to and lives out Gospel values of justice, charity and service.
- Has shown leadership qualities in parish/diocesan ministry for the past five years.
- Has a prayerful disposition.
- If married, is in a stable and happy marriage (5 years minimum) and whose wife and children support him in pursuing the diaconate.
- If not married, is willing to commit to celibacy.
- Situations of divorce/annulment will require special approval
- If a convert to the faith, baptism or profession made over 5 years prior to application.
- Is living within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe as a permanent resident of the United States.
- Is capable of college level work in theological studies and is open to spiritual and ministerial formation.

- Can successfully pass a thorough criminal and financial background check .
- Is no younger than 30 and no older than 55 years to enter the process
- Is capable of giving serious attention and time to theological study, spiritual formation and ministry.
- Has a stable work history (2 years).
- Has a positive attitude towards the Church and is flexible in adapting to the future needs of the Church.
- Is formally presented for the diaconate by his pastor.
- Must be physically and psychologically healthy.
- Should demonstrate grateful fidelity to all that the Church teaches.

Upcoming Formation Schedule

- October 3 Inquiry Gathering
Holy Rosary Parish/Zoom
- October 16-17 The Art of Communication
St. John XXIII Parish
- October 23-24 Development of Doctrine in the
2nd Millenium
Catholic Pastoral Center
- November 6-7 Canon Law
St. John XXIII Parish
- Nov. 13-14 Vatican II
Catholic Pastoral Center
- December 4-5 All Cohort Advent Retreat
Immaculate Conception, LV
- December 12 Inquiry Gathering
Catholic Pastoral Center/Zoom
- 2028 Cohort 2030 Cohort 2032 Cohort



Institution into the Ministry of Reader (lector)

15 candidates were installed into the Ministry of Reader (above) on Wednesday, September 9, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Mission (Edgewood).

Right: John Lucero, St. Jude Thaddeus Parish, receives a Bible from Archbishop Wester during the Installation Mass.



SAVE THE DATE

NEXT POST ORDINATION
FORMATION DAY
(for those ordained in 2023 or
2025)

Saturday

April 24

Location TBD



This new endowment through the Catholic Foundation, will support our deacon formation program.

Your generosity will

help to support this important work and enable the formation team to provide better formation.

You can donate online by [CLICKING HERE](#).



Master of
Theological Studies

St. Norbert College, in cooperation with the Ecumenical Institute for Ministry, offers a professional degree for pastoral ministry for students in New Mexico and neighboring states. The MTS degree grounds students in the Christian tradition as a base from which to address the changing realities of parishes and congregations. Classes are offered (online) Friday evenings and Saturdays for maximum flexibility.

For more information on the St. Norbert MTS Program

[CLICK HERE](#)



**JOSEPHINUM
CONNECT!**

Your place for community and formation

Josephinum Connect! is an excellent resource for ongoing diaconal formation. It offers more than 55 short, practical courses created specifically for deacons, covering topics such as spirituality, preaching, pastoral ministry, prayer, leadership, marriage and family life, and much more. The courses are easy to complete on your own schedule and can be a great support in both your ministry and personal spiritual growth. New courses are also being added every month. An annual subscription is \$144 per year for as many courses as you want.

For more information **[CLICK HERE](#)**.



**DIVINE MERCY
UNIVERSITY**

The School of Spiritual Direction

Formed by the Spirit. Faithful to the Church. In Service of One Another.

The SDC is a comprehensive formation pathway for those called to walk alongside others in their spiritual journeys. Designed for both emerging and practicing spiritual directors, the SDC equips you with the theological foundation, practical tools, and supervised experience necessary to accompany others with confidence, compassion, and spiritual maturity.

Whether you are drawn to personal spiritual renewal or feel called to serve as a spiritual director, the School welcomes you into a prayerful path of formation, discernment, and faithful service.

For more information **[CLICK HERE](#)**.



Ongoing Formation Opportunities



**Virtual
Learning
Community**
For Faith Formation

32 courses offered in English and 22 in Spanish. Tuition is only \$50 for these 5-week classes.

Click on the logo for more information: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/>

Upcoming Class Schedule for Cycle 7

Registration closes on October 27 (classes start Oct. 26)

Classes are also available in Spanish

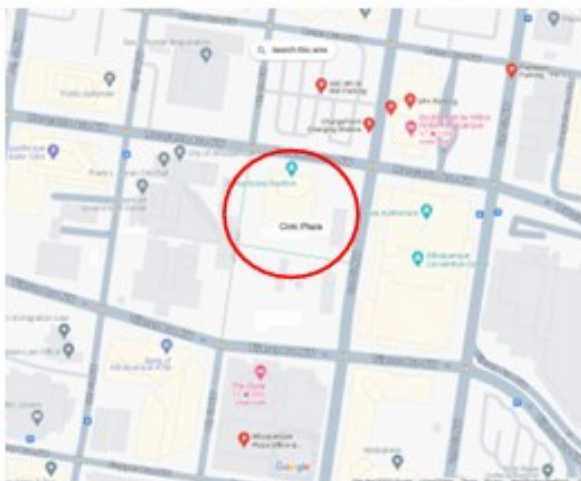
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| ◇ Administration in Ministry | ◇ Mary in Scripture and Tradition |
| ◇ Basics of Catechist Formation 1.3: The Human Development and Spirituality of the Catechist and Learner (Sem) | ◇ Mary's Guide to Marriage Through the Rosary |
| ◇ Bible Basics | ◇ New Testament |
| ◇ Catechetical Methodology | ◇ Old Testament |
| ◇ Catholic Beliefs | ◇ Prayer and Worship with Adolescents |
| ◇ Church History 2 | ◇ Roman Catholic Catechesis for Faith Formation |
| ◇ Collaboration and Community | ◇ Sacraments |
| ◇ Discernment in Practical Morality | ◇ Summary of Catholic Social Teaching (Sem) |
| ◇ Ecclesiology: Reframing Church | ◇ Survey of Catholic Doctrine |
| ◇ Evangelization and Discipleship | ◇ The Parish Nurse: Facilitating Wholistic Health Through the Lifespan |
| ◇ Faith and Human Development | ◇ Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life (Sem) |
| ◇ Foundations and Vision for Adult Learning and Faith Formation | ◇ Theology of Migration |
| ◇ Guidelines and Norms for Evangelizing Catechesis | ◇ This Land is Home to Me: The Cry of Appalachia |
| ◇ Images of Jesus | ◇ Vocation, Spirituality, and Discipleship of Catechists |
| ◇ Introduction to Christian Morality | |
| ◇ Introduction to Prayer | |
| ◇ Introduction to Scripture | |
| ◇ Liturgical Books | |



**Welcome Nuestra Senora de la Paz,
Brought by La Cofradia**



**Consecration of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe
to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus
And the
Immaculate Heart of Mary**



**Join Archbishop John C. Wester
In Praying for Our Nation at the Rosary Rally**

When: Sunday October 4, 2026

Time: 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Where: The Albuquerque Civic Plaza

**Rosaries, chairs, water, bathrooms,
security, medical assistance, and
free parking provided**



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**Rosary makers: Please contact Nicole Turietta at 505-220-1159 for
donation of rosaries**

Monetary donations to offset costs for the Rosary Rally are welcome.

**For more information, call Deacon Tony Rivera at 505-410-9707 or
Deacon Pat Sena at 505-228-4936**



Roster of Representatives to the Deacon Council

Chair	Dcn. Steven Sais (Immaculate Conception, ABQ)
Co-chair	Dcn. Ed Leyba (St. Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho)
Secretary	Melissa Cole (Nativity, ABQ)
Santa Fe Deanery	Dcn. Michael Salazar (San Isidro, Santa Fe)
Albuquerque A Deanery	Dcn. Ed Leyba (St. Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho)
Albuquerque B Deanery	Dcn. Lou Hernandez (St. Charles Borromeo, ABQ)
Albuquerque C Deanery	Dcn. Leon Jones (Ascension, ABQ)
Northwest Deanery	Dcn. Alex Valdez (Sacred Heart, Espanola)
Northeast Deanery	Dcn. Chris Torres (Immaculate Conception, Las Vegas)
Southwest Deanery	Dcn. Chris Martinez (Immaculate Conception, Tome)
Southeast Deanery	Dcn. Paul Benoit (St. Helen, Portales)
Newly Ordained Rep	Dcn. Jerry Griego (San Miguel, Socorro)
Senior Deacon Rep	Vacant
Deacon Wives Rep	Melissa Cole (Nativity, ABQ)
Deacon Wives Rep	Esther Cordova (SMDLP, SF)
Deacon Wives Rep	Vacant

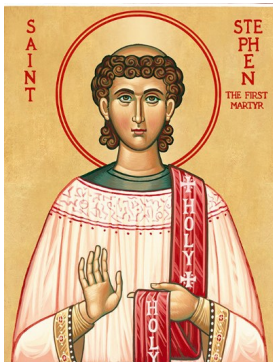


Ex-Officio

Archbishop John Wester
Deacon Keith Davis
Kathy O'Neill (Deacon Widows Rep)

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7pm (via Zoom)

St. Stephen Fund



This fund is established according to the Archdioceses of Santa Fe Deacon Council by-laws and constitution. It is an approved fund for the designated purpose of giving financial assistance to Permanent Deacons and/or their wives. The St. Stephen Fund is intended to be temporary assistance during a time of crisis or when grave financial need has been identified. Assistance from the fund is intended to be a one-time gift, but under certain circumstances the St Stephen Fund Committee may decide to help on more than one occasion. The Permanent Deacon or widow requesting assistance must complete a Request for [ASSISTANCE FORM](#) (on-line) or contact the Deacon Office.

Direct Contributions

You can now make direct contributions to the St Stephen's Fund through the link below.:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=Twwtgk>



DEACON BIRTHDAYS

October through December

October

- 1 Emilio Brizal
- 3 Bryan Huffaker
Rudolph Baca
- 6 Gilbert Valdez
- 7 Leonard Martinez
- 8 Timoteo Lujan
- 10 James Carbajal
Tien Bui
William Ennis
- 11 Hector Avitia
- 12 Patrick Martinez
- 14 Norbert Archibeque
Jose Escandon
- 15 Matthew Lamoreux
- 16 Leon Jones
- 19 Louis Herrera
- 21 Maurice Menke
- 22 Leroy Lucero
- 24 Greg Aguilar
- 26 Demetrio Lopez
- 30 Eric Nelson

November

- 6 Byron Wicker
- 10 Donald Serrano
Robert David Russell
- 11 Clarence Montoya
- 15 Steven C. Garcia
Randall Rodriguez
- 16 Paul Ortwerth
- 19 Oscar Marquez
Santos Abeyta
- 24 Chris Gilbert
- 27 Miguel Ybarra

December

- 2 Javier Madrid
- 3 Stephen G. Garcia
- 4 Mark Buie
- 6 Dan Sheehan
- 7 Ernest Chavez
- 13 Reuben Roybal
- 14 Dennis Montoya
- 15 Edward Leyba
- 22 Edward Espinosa
- 23 Stephen Sais
- 24 Donald Yardman
- 26 Chuck Metzler, Jr.
- 27 Victoriano Ceballos-Moreno
John Archuleta

30 Edward Sena





Please Pray for our Deceased Deacons!



William C. Kollasch

Born

February 1, 1944

Ordained

May 17, 1997

Deceased

July 29, 2026



Raphael P. Aragon

Born

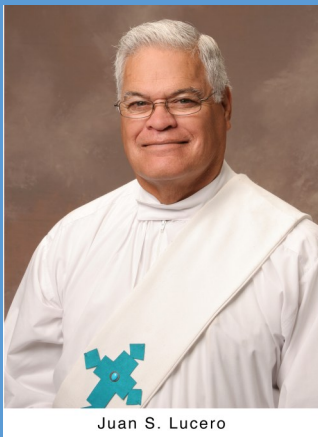
February 22, 1945

Ordained

July 24, 2000

Deceased

August 26, 2026



Juan S. Lucero

Born

February 8, 1939

Ordained

May 30, 1987

Deceased

July 6, 2026



Donald Contreras

Born

June 17, 1960

Ordained

July 12, 2003

Deceased

December, 2025

October 1	Tiburcio Chavez (2012)
October 2	Michael Siegal (2013)
October 4	Lorenzo Castillo (2017)
October 14	Kenneth Hill (2013)
October 23	Paul G. Maestas (2001)
October 25	Lloyd Martinez (2015)
October 26	Juan G. Martinez (2020)
October 28	Gerald Chavez (2015)
October 29	Charles V. Johnson (2020)
November 9	Hector Aguirre (2016)
November 12	Oscar Braune (1995)
November 13	Jerry Langner (2011)
November 14	John Russo (2022)
November 14	Luis Casaus (2023)
November 20	Pat Santistevan (2004)
November 21	James Silva, Jr. (1990)
November 25	Chester S. Kazek (2006)
November 29	Sandy Hall (2014)

November 29	Ben Vigil (2016)
November 29	Felix Barela (2018)
December 3	Macedon Montoya (2004)
December 4	Lynn Bower (1995)
December 4	Tony Porto (2011)
December 4	John Daniel Valdez (2022)
December 14	Alfonso Montoya (1999)
December 15	Robert Aragon (2017)
December 18	Juan Miguel Rodriguez (2021)
December 19	Eluid David Esquibel (1992)
December 22	Hugh Hackett (2010)
December 24	Charles Bates (1999)
December 27	Andrew Lopez (2021)
December 29	Manuel A. Gallegos (2013)
December 31	Sotero Montoya (1999)



Changes in Deacon Assignments

Archbishop John C. Wester has made the following assignments:

Effective Wednesday, September 30, 2026 -Deacon Juan R. Martinez has been granted retirement after serving over 27 years.

Please keep all the clergy who are beginning new assignments and retirees in your prayers

If you would like to transfer from your current assignment, please contact the Office of Deacons. Requests must be submitted in writing before they can be acted on. Once the office has received your request, and a new assignment location has been agreed to, both your current pastor and the pastor of the parish of your new assignment will also be required to submit letters. Once this is accomplished, the Archbishop will make the final decision and issue a letter with the change of assignment.



Parish Transfers

Parishes Requesting a Deacon

The following parishes have requested a deacon.

- ♦ Queen of Heaven (ABQ)
- ♦ Sangre de Cristo (ABQ)
- ♦ St. Edwin (ABQ)
- ♦ Immaculate Conception (Tomé)
- ♦ St. John XXIII (ABQ)
- ♦ Holy Cross (Santa Cruz)



Books Used in Formation

Continued from the last issue....

Here is a list of some of the books that are used in our Deacon Formation Program. This might be helpful for you in case you are looking for something to read.....

Vatican I: The Council and the Making of the Ultramontane Church (John O'Malley)

The Art Of Being A Healing Presence: A Guide for Those In Caring Relationships (James Miller)

Understanding The Sacraments Today, Revised Edition (Lawrence E. Mick)

Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers (USCCB)

Sacramental Theology: Means of Grace, Way of Life (Kurt Stasiak)

The Deacon (Tim O'Donnell)

Theology of the Diaconate: The State of the Question (Owen Cummings; Bill Ditewig; Richard Gaillardetz)

Encountering Christ the Servant: A Spirituality of the Diaconate (Deacon Dominic Cerrato)

The Essential Writings of Christian Mysticism (Modern Library Classics) (Bernard McGinn)

A Concise Guide to Catholic Social Teaching: Fourth Edition (Fr. Kevin McKenna)

Theological Reflection: Connecting Faith and Life (Catholic Basics: A Pastoral Ministry Series) (Joye Gros)

Toward God: The Ancient Wisdom of Western Prayer (Michael Casey)

This Is Our Faith: A Catholic Catechism for Adults (Michael Pennock)

How Do Catholics Read the Bible? (Come & See) (Daniel Harrington)

The Deacon's Ministry of the Word (Jay Cormier)

The Deacon's Ministry of the Liturgy (Frederick Bauerschmidt)

A Deacon's Guide to Baptizing Children: A Pastoral and Theological Approach (Paul Corvino)

Watch for more next month!





RECORD REQUESTS



Reminder of policies for Genealogical researchers and RECA/Trinity Downwinder cancer claims, this information is sent in the Vicar General Communique to all pastors as well. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe *does not reissue* sacramental record certificates for deceased individuals. If your parish receives a request for a deceased individual's sacramental records, please inform them to contact the Archdiocese Archives at 505-983-3811 for all genealogical requests and RECA/Trinity downwinder cancer claims for deceased individuals.

The Ark vs The Golden Calf: Serving God in an Age of AI

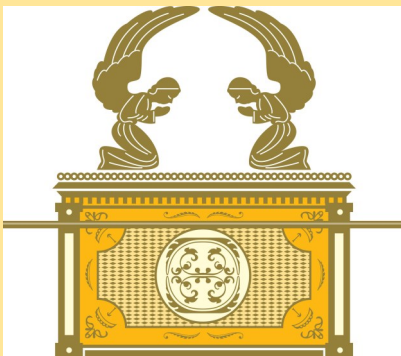
**Saturday, January 16, 9am to 3pm
Sandia Room at the Catholic Pastoral Center
4000 St. Joseph Place NW, Albuquerque**

with Dr. Annette LaRussa

Sponsored by the Ecumenical Institute for Ministry

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

A free will offering will be taken.





DIACONAL IDENTITY CRISIS

Who Are We? What Are We Doing?

Where Are We Going?

Saturday, January 30, 2027

8:30am to 4pm

Santa Maria de la Paz Church
11 College Ave, Santa Fe, NM
Presented by the Deacon Council



You were ordained a deacon—but **how does Holy Orders change the way you serve?** What makes diaconal service different from the same work faithfully carried out by the laity? Are deacons simply “mini-priests,” assistants to the pastor, or something distinctly different? And how are we called to serve both our parish and the wider Archdiocese? **Diaconal Identity Crisis** moves the conversation beyond “*What can a deacon do?*” to the deeper question: “**Who is a deacon, and does Holy Orders change the way we live and serve?**”

Together, we'll examine the identity of the deacon through the **teachings of the Church, the state of our Archdiocesan diaconate, and the perspectives of our own priests and deacons.**

Most importantly, **you'll begin building a plan for your diaconate.** You'll develop a personal **Diaconal Rule of Life** and begin creating your own **S.M.A.R.T. Ministry Plan**—a practical roadmap for living your diaconal vocation and a tool to help your pastor better understand your gifts, clarify expectations, and more intentionally utilize you in the life and mission of the parish. **You'll also discern how your diaconate can serve the mission and social needs of the parish and the wider Archdiocesan community.**

Know who you are. Clarify where you're called to serve. Build a plan to live your ordination with purpose. From Identity Crisis to Mission.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register.

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VIRTUS[®]Online

Just a reminder that all deacons must remain in compliance with the Archdiocesan Call to Protect protocols, including keeping current (every five years) with your VIRTUS training. If you are not certain if you are in compliance, you can look it up at the link below, or contact Yolanda at the Deacon Office.

[English Virtus Link](#)

[Spanish Virtus Link](#)



Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials

October through December 2026

October

- 1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus (Virgin & Doctor)
- 2 Holy Guardian Angels
- 5 St. Francis Xavier Seelos (Priest)
- 5 St. Faustina Kowalska (Virgin)
- 6 Our Lady of the Rosary
- 9 St. Denis (Bishop) and Companions
- 9 St. John Leonardi (Priest)
- 14 St. Callistus I (Pope & Martyr)
- 15 St. Teresa of Jesus (Virgin & Doctor)
- 16 St. Hedwig (Religious)
- 16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (Virgin)
- 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch (Bishop & Martyr)
- 19 Sts. John de Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues (Priests) & Companions (Martyrs)
- 20 St Paul of the Cross (Priest)
- 22 St. John Paul II (Pope)
- 23 St. John Capistrano (Priest)
- 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret (Bishop)
- 28 Sts. Simon and Jude (Apostles)

November

- 1 Solemnity of All Saints
- 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
- 3 St. Martin de Porres (Religious)
- 4 St. Charles Borromeo (Bishop)
- 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 10 St. Leo the Great (Pope & Doctor)
- 11 St. Martin of Tours (Bishop)
- 12 St. Josaphat (Bishop & Martyr)
- 13 St. Francis Xavier Cabrini (Virgin)
- 16 St. Margaret of Scotland
- 16 St. Gertrude (Virgin)
- 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- 18 Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul (Apostles)
- 18 St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (Virgin)
- 21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King
- 23 St. Clement 1 (Pope & Martyr)

- 23 St. Columban (Abbot)
- 24 St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, (Priest) and Companions, (Martyrs)
- 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria (Virgin & Martyr)
- 26 Thanksgiving Day
- 30 St. Andrew (Apostle)

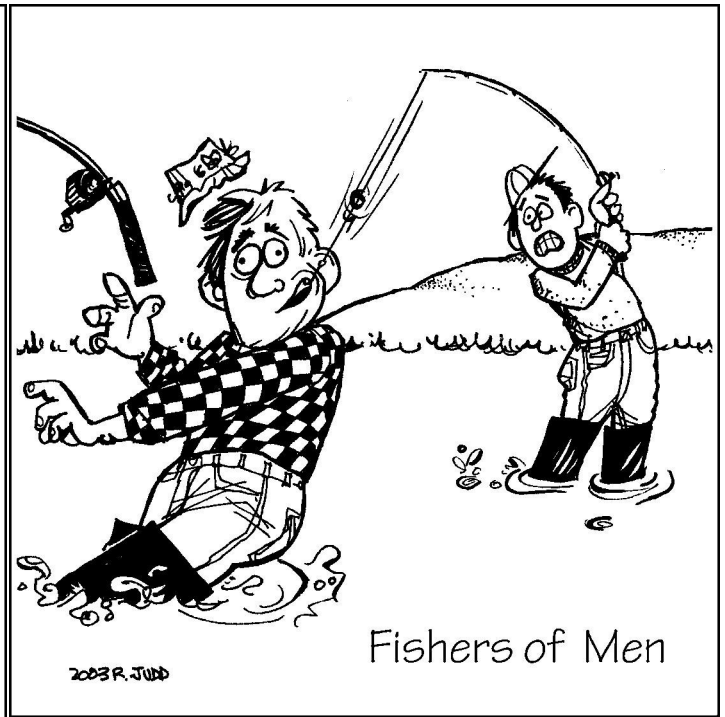
December

- 3 St. Francis Xavier (Priest)
- 4 St. John Damascene (Priest & Doctor)
- 8 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
- 10 Our Lady of Loreto
- 11 St. Damasus I (Pope)
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 14 St. John of the Cross (Priest)
- 21 St. Peter Canisius (Priest & Doctor)
- 23 St. John Kanty (Priest)
- 25 Nativity of the Lord
- 26 St. Stephen (Martyr)
- 27 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents
- 29 St. Thomas Becket
- 31 St. Sylvester I (Pope)

Year of St. Francis of Assisi

On January 10, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV established the YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the saint's Transitus to Heaven.

The initiative was proclaimed through a Decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See, which states that from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, it is possible to obtain a Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions, by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.



Deacons: Update your contact information. If your personal contact information has changed, please inform the Deacon Office. This helps facilitate communication between you, the Deacon Community and the Archdiocese. Contact Yolanda Lovato at 505-831-8246 or by email at ylovato@asfnm.org

NOTE

Keep in mind if there is any information you would like to include in the El Diácono Newsletter that would be of interest to the Deacon Community, i.e., special events, accomplishments, ministry work, etc., please inform the Deacon Office and we will be happy to announce it. With the publication of this newsletter, we will be especially looking for events in the January through March 2027 time frame with a submission deadline of December 3, 2026 to the Director of the Office of Deacons.

**Advertising Spaces available:
Contact the Diaconate Office if
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your business here.**

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Office of the Diaconate
4000 St. Joseph Place, NW
Albuquerque, N.M. 87120**