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**Archbishop John C. Wester to Hold Press Conference
To Reject Reinstatement of Food Tax (Tortilla Tax)**

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and the first highest for children living in poverty.

Tuesday, December 20, 2016 10:00 A.M.
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ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Monday, December 19, 2016— IMMEDIATE RELEASE—
Archbishop John C. Wester calls on all New Mexicans to reject the proposed
reinstatement of the food tax. New Mexico ranks second highest in the United States for
children living in hunger and the first highest for children living in poverty.

On Saturday, December 17, 2016, Pope Francis reminded us all of the call to care for the
poor. Pope Francis said he was asked why he talks about the poor. His answer was,
“Christmas.” Jesus was born with the poor, our Christian call is to feed the hungry.

In this time when we prepare for Christmas, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe joins many non-
profits and civic organizations who fill food baskets, but some legislators want to take
food out of another basket - the grocery basket - with their proposed food tax.

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