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STATEMENT

Regarding the Paid Advertisement
Published in the *Albuquerque Journal*, January 22, 2019
Entitled “An Open Letter from New Mexico Faith Leaders
‘We Support a Woman’s Decision About Abortion’”

ALBUQUERQUE – Wednesday, January 23, 2019– IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Archbishop John C. Wester has issued the following statement regarding the paid advertisement published in the *Albuquerque Journal* on January 22, 2019 entitled, “An open letter from New Mexico faith leaders ‘We support a woman’s decision about abortion’”:

- 1) Signatories to the *Albuquerque Journal*’s paid advertisement are not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in New Mexico.
- 2) New Mexico’s three dioceses: the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, the Diocese of Gallup and the Diocese of Las Cruces adamantly uphold the Church’s historical belief in the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.
- 3) The list of religious churches, communities and organizations NOT in communion with, nor sponsored by, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe or the Roman Catholic Church in New Mexico follows and is also available on the archdiocesan website at www.archdiosf.org.

**List of Schismatic Churches | Religious Communities/Organizations
These Are Not Affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church**

Attention Roman Catholics:

If you, or any of your Roman Catholic family members or friends, have been attending services or receiving sacraments in the following churches, please know they are NOT recognized by the Roman Catholic Church. It is not licit for Catholics to attend Mass or to receive sacraments at these churches, for the Roman Catholic Church does not recognize them as valid. In order to be Roman Catholic, a church must be in union with the Holy Father, the successor of St. Peter, and the local bishop of the diocese. The following churches do not accept the Holy Father or meet this criteria. Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, has not appointed any pastors or priests to the churches, communities or organizations listed below:

Apostolic Catholic Church of the Holy Grail
Belen, NM

Blessed Oscar Romero Catholic Community
211 10th St. SW, Albuquerque, NM

Bread of Life Catholic Charismatic Church of Canada
5 Falcon Lane, Tijeras, NM

Catholic Apostolic Church of Antioch
207 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, NM

Catholics for Choice Organization

Christ the King Independent Catholic Church
2801 Lomas NE, Albuquerque, NM

Contemporary Catholic Church
Mesquite, NM

Evangelical Catholic Church National Office
PO Box 20744, Albuquerque, NM

Guardian Angels Mission Old Catholic Church of Antioch
Corrales, NM

Holy Spirit Catholic Charismatic Cathedral
919 Goff SW, Albuquerque, NM

Holy Trinity Orthodox Catholic Church
Albuquerque, NM

Mission San Jose de Guadalupe Traditional Roman Catholic Church
PO Box 45526, Rio Rancho, NM

New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice Organization

Our Lady Queen of Angels Liberal Catholic Church / Traditional Catholic
1701 Tulip NE, Rio Rancho, NM

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Charismatic Church of Canada
Old Town Albuquerque, NM

St. Catherine Catholic Orthodox Mission
Albuquerque, NM

St. Michael the Protector Liberal Catholic Church
Mountainair, NM

St. Peter's Holy Catholic Church – Anglican Rite
8100 Hamilton St NE, Albuquerque, NM

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church (Society of St. Pius X)
5800 Ouray NW, Albuquerque, NM

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