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My Dear People of God,

It is with a heavy heart that I inform you that due to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe bankruptcy proceedings as well as the COVID-19 pandemic, both of which have severely depleted our resources, we have had to make the difficult decision to downsize 20% of the Catholic Center offices and/or positions, effective December 4, 2020. This will necessarily mean a reduction in staff. Ms. Celine Baca Radigan, director of the Office of Communications and Social Media has chosen to retire after 24 years of service. Ms. Leslie M. Radigan will assume the position as the director effective December 5, 2020. A graduate of St. Pius X High School and the University of New Mexico with a degree in Communications and Journalism, Leslie was previously employed at USWest/Qwest Communications as a Digital (DSL) Manager overseeing a large staff. She has served in the ASF Communications Office for over 16 years.

Among the many responsibilities of the Communications Office has been our monthly magazine, *People of God*. For 38 years, the *People of God* has been an excellent means of spreading the Gospel, serving as an evangelizing presence here in the Southwest. It captured the work of the Holy Spirit alive in this local Church and put a spotlight on the various cultures that make up our gifted community of believers. It enabled us to share stories and put a human face on Christ's message of love, mercy and redemption. And it was an effective means for me to exercise my teaching ministry that is at the core of my office as bishop. For all these reasons and more, I express my deep gratitude to the countless people who made this publication possible. To all the pastors and parishes that supported this exemplary publication, I express my profound gratitude. I also wish to thank the sponsors and advertisers who have faithfully supported the mission of the *People of God* publication for so many years. In addition, I thank all who read and thumbed through the pages of this periodical. Your encouragement and affirmation have been very helpful.

In a special way, I thank Ms. Celine Radigan and Ms. Leslie Radigan. They worked tirelessly in producing a most noteworthy issue month after month. Working under deadlines and keeping the creative muse vibrant are never easy tasks. Yet, they proved again and again they were up to the challenge. I cannot thank them enough. We will all miss their optimism, faith and love of Church that was reflected so beautifully in the pages of the *People of God*. I invite you to read Ms. Radigan's letter, which can be found [here](#).

Among the many ways we will stay in touch with you going forward, my brothers and sisters in Christ, we will utilize the following tools:

- www.archdiosf.org - This is the official website for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. We invite you to visit the new "[Voices](#)" section for information around the archdiocese.

- **ASF Email List** - For the most updated information, you are invited subscribe to our email list, ([click here](#) and scroll down to sign up), or
- **Social Media** - Like our [Facebook](#) page, follow us on [Twitter](#), or like us on [Instagram](#)
- **Archbishop's Blog:** [Tuesday's Tapestry](#)
- **Archbishop's Podcast** - Stay tuned for more content on our podcast [ASF Communications](#)
- **You, the People of God** -- We also invite our parish and school communities to link to [archdiosf.org](#) and assist us in spreading the Good News.

Please keep this marvelous Archdiocese of Santa Fe in your good thoughts and prayers. We will continue to pass on the "Good Word" and will strive to communicate the many ways in which the Lord is working in our midst. With your help and prayers, I know that God will bless our efforts and assist us in "getting the Word out." God bless you all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John C. Wester". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe