Elizabeth Clarisse Lange (1784-1882) was born in Cuba after her parents fled revolution in their native Saint Domingue (now Haiti). In the early 1800’s Elizabeth found her way to America and settled in the city of Baltimore, Maryland where other French-speaking refugees from Saint Domingue resided. Elizabeth, a humble and deeply spiritual woman recognized the need for education of the children of other refugees. Despite her status as a refugee herself, she was educated and used her inheritance to offer free education in her home for ten years.

In 1829, Elizabeth and three other women (Roseanne Boegue, Marie Balas and Almaide Duchemin) took their vows and thus the Oblate Sisters of Providence was founded, the first congregation of African American women in the history of the Catholic Church. Elizabeth took the name of Mary and became their first Superior General. Works done by the Sisters were diverse including education of youth, founding of orphanages and caring for the elderly and the ill during the cholera outbreak of 1832. The Oblate sisters taught the “colored” children in all of the Catholic schools in Baltimore by 1860. They now have experienced 200 years of service to schools, day care centers, outreach and catechetical programs for all ages. Sister Mary Elizabeth Lange died in Baltimore in 1882 at the age of 98. Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange's cause for sainthood began in 1991. Next, the Pope will consider if Sister Mary will be declared “venerable.” After beatification two confirmed miracles will need to be attributed to her before her official canonization can take place.


Prayer for the Beatification of Mother Mary Lange
O Almighty and Eternal God, You granted Mother Mary Lange extraordinary trust in Your providence. You endowed her with humility, courage, holiness and an extraordinary sense of service to the poor and the sick. You enabled her to found the Oblate Sisters of providence and provide education, social and spiritual ministry especially to the African American community. Mother Lange’s love for all enabled her to see Christ in each person, and the pain of prejudice and racial hatred never blurred that vision. Deign to raise her to the highest honors of the altar in order that, through her intercession, more souls may come to a deeper understanding and more fervent love of You.

Heavenly Father, glorify Your heart by granting also this favor (here mention your request) which we ask through the intercession of Your faithful Servant, Mother Mary Lange. Amen.
MARRIAGE PREPARATION RETREAT “NOS VAMOS A CASAR” (PRESENTED IN SPANISH)
The Archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry, in collaboration with the Office of Family Life, invite all Spanish speaking couples who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage to participate in a marriage preparation retreat “Nos Vamos a Casar”. This retreat is one of the approved programs in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

The next retreat is scheduled for March 6-7, 2021. Due to restrictions because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this retreat will take place via Zoom.

The registration form can be found at the following link: https://form.jotform.com/210035950398153

For more information or to register, please call the Office of Hispanic Ministry (see box).

MASS IN SPANISH IS BROADCASTED EVERY SUNDAY ON CHANNEL 50 (MY50TV-KASY)
In an effort to offer Sunday Mass in Spanish each week, not only during the time when parishioners are unable to attend Sunday Mass in their parishes due to the COVID 19 contingency, the Hispanic Ministry and Liturgy offices broadcast the Mass in Spanish on television each week. These Masses are broadcast every Sunday at 7:00am on My50TV (KASY) - channel 50 on regular television (check with your television signal provider for other channels). Please share this information with anyone who may benefit from this broadcast.

Recordings of these masses can also be viewed from 4:30pm on Saturday (pre-Sunday mass) via the Internet by visiting the following link: http://hispanicministryasf.org/tv-and-radio-programs/video-collection/

For any questions regarding the transmission of the Mass in Spanish, please call the Hispanic Ministry Office at 505-831-8147.

Holy Mass can also be heard on the radio every Sunday on KNMM 1150 AM and 102.1 FM in Albuquerque at 7:00am and KNMX 540 AM in Las Vegas, NM at 8:00am.

UPDATES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESAN ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS COMMISSION
What a month January has been!
First, the Wintertalk retreat provided an opportunity for respectful listening to the realities and effects of church actions on our indigenous sisters and brothers. We listened and learned from their history and spiritual experience. For recordings of these presentations, contact Jim Gilroy at gilroy@unm.edu or 575-776-8450.

Second was the virtual Pilgrimage for Christian Unity. More than eighty Protestants and Catholics joined together for a week of shared prayer, meditation and reflections. Kay Huggins (NM Conference of Churches), Abbot Joel (of the Norbertines) and Archbishop Wester brought the pilgrimage to a beautiful closure on Monday, January 25th (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul) sharing transformative ecumenical experiences.

The next event will be the Annual Catholic Social Ministry Gathering on February 6-9. Anne Avelone (Director, Office of Social Justice and Respect Life) has gathered a large contingent this year to virtually represent the Archdiocese at the national level.

The month's experience has reminded us that we are called by Christ into friendship (John 15:15). His friendship inspires and enkindles a desire to do better; welcoming each other and seeing our differences as gifts and mutually enriching. With this past month's events, hopefully, our vision has broadened, enabling us to say with St. Paul: “All are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.” (1 Corinthians 3: 22-23)

For more information on the above, you can contact Msgr. Voorhies at bvoorhies@archdiosf.org or Jim Gilroy at gilroy@unm.edu or 575-776-8450.
DRE/YOUTH MINISTER VIRTUAL RETREAT TRAINING
Tuesday, February 23, 2021
Time 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Thursday, February 25, 2021
Time 6:00 pm– 9:00 pm
Email will be sent out to register for this training.
Classes on the New Directory for Catechesis begin April 22, 2021. Contact Della for more information (see box).

BELOW ARE A FEW ONLINE RESOURCES LENT 2021:
Living Lent Daily Series by Loyola Press (free daily e-mails):
https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily/
utm_source=NSO.PAR&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ssnl&utm_content=lent-2021

Lent at Home - free resources from Loyola Press: https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/activities-and-resources/lent-at-home/

Rest Group: Renew Retreat Program
www.familylifenm.org

Evenings for the Engaged Virtual Events are from 7-9 pm for two weeks. Couples must attend all six classes. Please visit www.familylifenm.org to register for one of the events. The cost is $20.00 per couple. Dates are as follow: February 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 OR March 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26

Engaged Encounter Virtual Weekends are listed below:
March 6 & 7, 2021 OR June 5 & 6, 2021 OR September 25 & 26, 2021
To register visit www.familylifenm.org, click under the event link. The cost for this event is $30.00 per couple. For questions, please contact the Family Life office (see box).

ARCHDIOCESAN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
Please visit our website for information on classes available through the family life office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION
Retrouvaille, a life line for troubled marriages. Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille will teach you a method to re-establish communication. This three phase program consists of a weekend experience, a series of 12 follow-up sessions over a twelve week period, and a monthly meeting for lifelong support.
The next Virtual program will be April 22-25, 2021, in English. For more information or to register, please call 505-890-3495 in Albuquerque. You can also find us on the Web at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

DEAF CIRCLE TRAINING
The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Pastoral Ministry Deaf Circle is hosting a weekly zoom meeting designed to assist interpreters who are currently interpreting the Roman Catholic Mass. This weekly training/meeting is designed for interpreters of all levels. We are fortunate to have a deaf priest from the Diocese of Milwaukee (Fr. Christopher Klusman) who will assist with the spiritual guidance involved in the training. We will study the readings together for each of the Sunday Liturgies and alternate interpreting using linguistic tactics and peer reasoning.

Free Activities, Prayers and teachings about Lent for the whole family by RCL Benziger: https://www.rclbenziger.com/lent

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BE A FAITHFUL CITIZEN: STAY UP-TO-DATE ON THE 2021 NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Allen Sanchez, Director of the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops, presents the concerns of the three Catholic Bishops of New Mexico at our New Mexico legislature in Santa Fe. The purpose of the Conference is to promote the greater good of humankind by addressing issues of moral concern and social justice as seen through the eyes of the Catholic faith. The Conference informs and educates its members and the public about those issues and encourages all to advocate for those issues and the betterment of humanity.

This year is the 60-day session, beginning January 19 and ending March 20. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing restrictions, much of the session is virtual. Life, being the greatest gift from God, is top priority, as is concern for the poor. The New Mexico Bishops are aware that there are hundreds of bills of proposed legislation. The Bishops bring their voice on issues for the common good, thereby making public their opinion on some legislation.

The following is the Legislative Agenda for the 2021 New Mexico Legislature:

**SUPPORT HJR1**, the Constitutional Amendment to use 1% of the Land Grant Permanent Fund for Early Childhood programs. Science has shown that the investment in programs for families and children from prenatal to 5 years old have extremely good benefits for the wellbeing of the children and life-long positive health outcomes. New Mexico’s youngest children continue to rank 49th-50th in overall children’s wellbeing. The status quo is not acceptable.

**OPPOSE SB10**, the Repeal of the Abortion Ban Statute. This legislation proposes to take off the state books a law, now suppressed by the US Supreme Court’s ruling of Roe vs. Wade, which outlawed abortion in the state of New Mexico. The removal of this Statute has two other effects about which we should be very concerned which are not suppressed by Roe vs. Wade. First, the Statute today guarantees freedom of conscience for medical providers to not be forced to participate in abortions (religious right). Second, the Statute has exceptions to the law and, when there is an abortion under an exception, all procedures are required to be performed by a physician. We hope these remain in the law.

**OPPOSE HB47**, the Life Options Act. This legislation can place vulnerable persons in the position of losing their life due to human error or coercion. The determination for the diagnosis of days of life remaining has a high rate of inaccuracy. In the same way that we oppose the death penalty, human error is not acceptable, thereby rendering the Act of Assisted Suicide unethical.

**OPPOSE the Legalization of Recreational Marijuana.** The state of New Mexico is entrenched in poverty and addictions. There is great concern about persons driving under the influence and concern about adults parenting while under the influence.

**SUPPORT SB66**, the Small Loan Act to Cap the Annual Percentage Rate. This legislation proposes to lower the interest rate of small loans from 175% to 36%. This will have a positive impact for struggling New Mexicans trying to pay debt and will protect the public from predatory lending.

Go to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe website for more legislative updates from Allen. Sign up to receive the latest information from the NM Conference of Catholic Bishops and the 2021 legislative session by calling the Office (see box).

CCHD AND ALBUQUERQUE INTERFAITH – A COMMON PATH

When it comes to faith, there is a misconception among the faithful that we are all “different” from one another. An organization in Albuquerque is demonstrating that nothing could be further from the truth! That organization is Albuquerque Interfaith.

A recipient of a Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) National Grant, Albuquerque Interfaith (AI) is a broad based, non-partisan and non-profit organization. The organization consists of 17 member institutions which include: churches, faith communities, public/charter schools, unions and non-profit organizations. They currently focus on Public Education, Immigrant Justice, Neighborhood Safety & Preservation and Behavioral Health.

The faith angle in protecting human dignity is an important part of the AI process which includes many faith groups including: Catholic, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Jewish, Unitarian and Quaker leaders along with the Unity Spiritual Center. A good example of how the AI faith community leaders work for the common good is when in 2019, they responded to a call for help from El Paso, Texas by providing 500 volunteers in four or five operations for welcoming and feeding 4,000 refugees and their families.

**How does CCHD fit in to this organization?** According to Javier Benavidez, the role that the CCHD plays in the success of Albuquerque Interfaith is invaluable.

“AI deeply appreciates the rigorous process of accountability through detailed diversity requirements which has brought focus to the AI mission. CCHD reinforced in AI the bridge between faith and social justice which has been a key to success. The financial support that CCHD has provided to AI is seen as an investment in a community worthy of our faith, and has been an outstanding strategic partner and support in building our vision of organizing through faith.”

– Javier Benavidez

Photo: Leaders preparing for the 2019 New Mexico Legislative Session.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH FROM POPE FRANCIS

“Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combating the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labor rights.”

- Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti no. 116, quoting World Meeting for Popular Movements.
PAID CCHD INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development’s (CCHD) Archdiocesan office in Albuquerque is looking for Catholics who have a passion for service and justice, to apply for a paid position, approx. 18-20 hours/week, $14/hr for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. The internship is a great opportunity to learn more about social justice education, poverty relief, community development, economic development and Catholic social teaching. The applicant must be Catholic, have leadership experience, community service experience, and effective writing, communication and computer skills. Bilingual (English/Spanish) candidates preferred. An openness to the CCHD values of solidarity building, participation of the poor, and Catholic social teaching is essential. CCHD has particular interest in helping low-income Catholics to participate in a practical learning experience that ordinarily would be out of their reach due to financial limitations. Applications can be requested by e-mail at justice@archdiossf.org. Contact Anne Avellone in the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life (see box) for more information or to request an application. Applications must be received by March 12, 2021. Don’t pass up this wonderful opportunity!

NOW IS AN “ACCEPTABLE TIME” TO REACH OUT TO THE VULNERABLE

Now is an “acceptable time.” During Lent, we seek to do penance, sacrifice, and works of service. We commit to devoting more time to prayer. We find a way to be more creative with our almsgiving, participating in CRS Rice Bowl (www.crsrcibowl.org).

The social mission of the Catholic Church calls us to be missionaries. Missionaries are persons sent out to promote Christianity. The mere fact that they are sent means that they are going. This is action – an act that is an outward expression. The challenge for us as Catholics is to act: to do unto others as Christ has done unto us.

Before we embark on our Lenten Journey, let us make a plan of action to enrich our Lenten experience of sacrifice that will lead us to the joy of salvation in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us keep our eyes fixed on the ministry of Jesus as a guide for our actions.

This Lenten season we will fulfill our mission of doing unto others as Christ has done unto us – unto our families, neighborhoods and communities. Now is an “acceptable time.”

For ideas on how we can be Lenten missionaries, the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life is available to present for any Archdiocese of Santa Fe programs for youth, young adult and adult faith formation groups. We can provide online presentations for your group or help you with the basics of setting up a virtual class/meeting. To schedule a Lenten presentation, to discuss themes and ideas or if you have any questions, contact CCHD Intern Israela Garcia (see box).

PREPARE FOR LENT 2021:
ARE YOU READY FOR RICE BOWL?

During the 40 days of Lent, we will encounter the stories of communities in Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste where CRS is at work. We’ll be invited to eat simple, meatless meals from these countries. Through the stories, we’ll learn about the principles of Catholic social teaching—and ways we can put them into action during Lent and beyond. We will reflect on how we are called to recognize the suffering Christ in the most vulnerable members of our global human family. We will see how our prayers, fasting and almsgiving can provide for those worldwide who are most in need, especially those who are hungry and lack proper nutrition. Together, we will serve our brothers and sisters most in need around the world while forming families and faith communities to be missionary disciples. To order your Rice Bowls, contact the office (see box).

PRAYER TO BEGIN CRS RICE BOWL

God Almighty, You call us to recognize you in our sisters and brothers and to care for those most in need—for whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me. This Lent, ignite your love in us so that through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving we may support all who experience hunger in body, heart and spirit.

May these CRS Rice Bowls be instruments of encounter, bringing us closer to you—our God—and to our neighbors both near and far.

May our Lenten journey help us to see our role in caring for the most vulnerable—particularly those experiencing hunger, poverty and obstacles to thrive.

Through these 40 days, may we deepen our faith in you and our love for one another, as we await with joyful anticipation the great celebration of Easter.

Amen

CRS Rice Bowl provides many resources for daily reflection throughout Lent. Consider these suggestions in your family’s Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey.
- Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.
- Visit crsrcibowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

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AACC FR. ROLLINS LAMBERT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022

The availability of the Fr. Rollins Lambert Scholarship for African American students enrolled in our Catholic schools, grades K-8 is now open. This year, all applications are on line.

Eligibility Requirements: African American student, Catholic or non-Catholic, in grades Kindergarten to Eight, enrolled or will enroll in one of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Elementary/Middle Schools, plans to attend school for the entire academic year, beginning in the Fall, applicants must have a C+ or better grade average, verified by the school administration and applicants must have a completed FACTS application and completed a FACTS Grants & Aid Assessment. Applicants must meet ALL of the eligibility requirements and deadlines to qualify. Scholarship awards may be provided for tuition or some portion of tuition and fees to applicants in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Individuals applying for a scholarship should submit a complete application online, no later than Friday, March 5, 2021. The link to access the application is https://asfcatholicschools.org/fr-rollins-lambert-scholarship. For more information, please contact Gerry Harge at 505-831-0800.

February 2021
In the November 2018 Pastoral Letter Against Racism, Open Wide Our Hearts, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops urge all Catholics to acknowledge “the scourge of racism” that still exists in our hearts, words, actions, and institutions. Racism is rooted in a failure to acknowledge the human dignity of people of a different race. Racism does not reflect the inner life of God—the Triune unity of three-in-one—that we are called to imitate. Racism manifests itself in sinful individual actions, which contribute to structures of sin that perpetuate division and inequality, as has been seen throughout our nation’s history and into the present. One such structure in need of conversion is the criminal justice system.

RACISM AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Over the past four decades, there has been a 500% increase in the number of people incarcerated in the U.S., which now totals roughly 2.2 million. Contributing factors to this increase include mandatory minimum sentences, harsher sentences for non-violent drug offenses, “three-strikes” laws, and changes in policing. The United States now has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. With 5% of the world’s population, the United States houses roughly 25% of the world’s prisoners.

Currently, African Americans and Hispanics/Latinos make up 56% of prisoners but are only 28% of the U.S. population. Although “color blind” on the surface, racial disparities appear in every stage of the criminal justice system, which has built the resulting prison and jail population over decades.

- Whites and African Americans engage in drug use at similar rates, but African Americans are much more likely to be arrested for it.
- Although the gap among incarceration rates of different races has narrowed somewhat in recent years, African Americans are still incarcerated at more than five times the rate of whites.
- African Americans are more likely to experience traffic stops, searches, and juvenile arrests, and receive harsher sentences and greater length of sentencing.
- Recent headlines have also raised questions about treatment by law enforcement of persons of color, with studies pointing to racial disparities in use of non-lethal force against African Americans and Hispanics.

We must continue to work and pray against the evils of racism, particularly as it may manifest in our criminal justice system and in the way that laws are enforced.

**For More Information**

- **Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration:** A Catholic Perspective on Crime and the Criminal Justice System

**Pray with St. John Paul II**

“Lord God, our Father, you created the human being, man and woman, in your image and likeness, and you willed the diversity of peoples within the unity of the human family. At times, however, the equality of your sons and daughters has not been acknowledged, and Christians have been guilty of attitudes of rejection and exclusion, consenting to acts of discrimination on the basis of racial and ethnic difference. Forgive us and grant us the grace to heal the wounds still present in your community on account of sin, so that we will all feel ourselves to be your sons and daughters.” (Universal Prayer on the Day of Pardon)

“OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS” ANTI-RACISM WEBINAR

Join us for the second dialogue in a series exploring the Pastoral Letter Against Racism, “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love” by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Speaker TBA. Sponsored by Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, African American Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Archdiocese of Santa Fe Ad Hoc Committee on Racism, with support from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Open Wide Our Hearts, Part 2: “Do Justice.” on February 22, 2021, 6pm-7:30pm (MST). An open dialogue with Speaker, TBA. This event is free. Pre-registration required. Register here.

The upcoming Webinar Series (Dates, Times and Speakers-TBA):
- Part 2: “Do Justice.” February 22, 2021, 6pm-7:30pm (MST)
- Part 3: Love Goodness: The Urgent Call of Love (April 26, 2021)
- Part 4: Walk Humbly with God (June 2021)

Questions, please contact the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life at 505-831-8205 or mgarcia@archdiosf.org
**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

**Ongoing Conversion of Life: Out of Chaos to Beautiful Hope**

Life is an amazing, challenging, ever-changing journey. After the chaos of our recent lived experience, our lives, our church, our country, and the very earth itself have been up-ended. Our Lenten-Easter-Pentecost Season is opportunity to understand the ongoing conversion of life being called for in a new and deeper way. Using Scripture, the dynamics of transition, and tools for spiritual growth, we will consider Lenten conversion, Paschal Mystery, and conversion to joyful, intentional discipleship.

*Time: Mondays, February 22, March 1, 8, 2021, 1 – 3 PM via Zoom*

*Facilitator: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM*

*Contact: Charla Becerra at 505-831-8151 or Cbecerra@archdiosf.org*

**Jornada de Fe School of Ministry/Caminos de Fe School of Ministry: Acts, the Pastoral Letters, and Book of Revelation**

This topic of the Jornada de Fe and Caminos de Fe Schools of Ministry explores the courage of the earliest disciples, the encouragement of the community, and the courage to meet and survive chaotic times. The witness of the Scripture will strengthen our own faith and courage.

*Time: Saturday, March 13, 2021, 8:30AM – 3PM via Zoom*

*Presenter: Paula Gallagher IHM*

*Contact: Joel Hopko at 505-690-6335 or joelhopko@comcast.net and Joanne Dupont Sandoval at 505-689-2404, C 505-670-2635 or jdsand@windstream.net.*

**The Holy Spirit and Creative Inspiration**

This course reviews the emergence of the Holy Spirit through Scripture, and examines the nature of inspiration. It looks at the effects of the Spirit on men and women of Scripture, as well as artistic and inventive history. It discusses how to invite the participation of Spirit into refresh creative expression for our lives and challenging times. It is in being creative with the Spirit we will re-find our juice and our joy.

*Time: Mondays, April 12, 19, 26, 2021, 1 - 3PM via Zoom*

*Presenter: Paula Gallagher IHM*

*Contact: Charla Becerra at 505-831-8151 or Cbecerra@archdiosf.org*

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