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STATEMENT

**Archbishop John C. Wester Offers Deepest Sympathy & Prayers
to the Norbertine Community and Family of
Reverend Graham Golden, O.Praem.**

ALBUQUERQUE – Sunday, May 23, 2021–IMMEDIATE RELEASE--
Archbishop John C. Wester offers prayers and support to the Norbertine Community and family of Rev. Graham Golden, O. Praem., pastor of St. Augustine – Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Isleta Pueblo, who was killed on Friday, May 21, 2021. Fr. Graham and Brother Lorenzo (Edgar) Romero, who was injured but is recovering, were leaving Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey when they were struck by another vehicle.



It is with profound sadness that we in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe heard the news of Father Graham Golden's tragic death as a result of a car accident this past Friday night. I extend to Abbot Joel Garner, O. Praem., and all the Norbertines, our deepest sympathy and assurance of prayers during these days of grief and loss. Father Graham lived the charisms of the Norbertines fully and with great enthusiasm. He was deeply contemplative and energetically apostolic. He found the time to be present at just about every archdiocesan event, meeting, celebration, and liturgy one could imagine. He sat on numerous boards and was always available to help. He was filled with a contagious joy and at the same time, capable of plumbing the depths of human struggle and challenge. I cannot even imagine how much he will be missed by his beloved community at Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey. He will be missed by all of us in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe as well and by all those whose lives he touched – and there were many. Eternal rest grant unto Father Graham, O Lord. May he rest in peace. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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