RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 2!
Each October is Respect Life Month, the U.S Conference of Catholic Bishops launches a new cycle of the Respect Life Program—a year-round, nationwide effort to help Catholics understand, value, and help cultivate respect for human life. Sponsored by the USCCB and carried out by local leaders, these efforts are renewed each October (Respect Life Month) and continue through the following September. To assist, the U.S. bishops produce resources to help local leaders build a culture of life. Some material is already available, download all the bi-lingual free resources for use all year at https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month.

ONE WAY YOUR PARISH CAN BE MORE PRO-LIFE
Pray "A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers". Remembering to ground our efforts in prayer, we ask Our Blessed Mother’s intercession in helping us build a culture of life and civilization of love, especially within our parish communities.

PROJECT RACHEL IS A POST-ABORTION HEALING MINISTRY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
If you have been involved in an abortion decision and now you feel alienated from the Church, God, and your community in Christ, don’t despair. The Church wants to help you heal the pain and alienation. We want to help you make a second choice: to accept God’s love and forgive yourself. Healing starts here. Call 505-831-8238 for a confidential referral.
START A CONVERSATION ABOUT ARCHBISHOP WESTER’S PASTORAL LETTER, LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST’S PEACE: A CONVERSATION TOWARD NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT!

On January 11, Archbishop Wester released a pastoral letter calling for dialogue on nuclear disarmament called Living in the Light of Christ’s Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament. In the letter, Archbishop reflects on his own recent trip to Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the history of Catholic social teaching on nuclear weapons, and the history of the development of nuclear weapons in New Mexico. He encourages all to read the document and use the reflection questions and suggestions for action.

We invite you to read, study, pray with and act to stop production of nuclear weapons. Read the letter, In the Light of Christ’s Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament (full letter) PDF and Click here for the summary of Archbishop Wester’s letter. Please note, it is a legal-sized document so please adjust your printer and paper accordingly.

Or, if you want a hard copy, Archdiocese of Santa Fe has partnered with Pax Christi, USA to print copies of Archbishop Wester’s new Pastoral Letter. Order one or more full color hard copies by clicking here, then take time to read, pray and reflect on this powerful pastoral letter on nuclear disarmament with others. Learn how to use the pastoral for outreach to Catholic leaders, parishes, and schools, and its value as a tool for organizing for nuclear abolition. Booklets are available for $5.00 plus s/h. Discounts are available: 10% for 10-99 copies; 30% for 100+ copies. Use this 52-page full-color booklet for individual or group study. Comes with study questions, suggested readings, and more.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

Archbishop John C. Wester has made the following assignments:

⇒ Effective Monday, August 1, 2022
Reverend Larry Brito has been appointed as Rector of Santo Nino Regional Catholic School. This is in addition to his current primary assignment as Pastor of St. Anne’s in Santa Fe.

⇒ Effective Wednesday, August 10, 2022
Deacon Martin Gallegos, previously assigned at St. John the Baptist in Santa Fe, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the Rector, Very Reverend John Cannon.

⇒ Effective Saturday, July 16, 2022
Reverend Stephen Gaertner, O.Praem, previously Pastor of St. Augustine in Isleta Pueblo, has been appointed as Sacramental Minister of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary in Albuquerque, serving with Reverend Andrew Pavlak.

⇒ Effective Saturday, July 16, 2022
Reverend Milton Thomas, O.Praem, newly arrived, has been appointed as Parish Administrator of St. Augustine in Isleta Pueblo.

⇒ Effective Saturday, October 1, 2022
Very Reverend Stephen Schultz has been appointed as Chancellor. This is in addition to his current primary assignment as Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima in Albuquerque. He relinquishes the position of Dean of Albuquerque B Deanery.

⇒ Effective Saturday, October 1, 2022
Very Reverend Rick Zerwas has been appointed as Dean of Albuquerque B Deanery. This is in addition to his current primary assignment as Pastor of the Shrine of St. Bernadette in Albuquerque.

Please keep all the clergy who are beginning new assignments in your prayers.

THE ECUMENICAL CORNER

October 2022

This past Saturday (August 27th), the members of the Ecumenical Commission had the opportunity to gather to both share and celebrate the ecumenical and interfaith work of their respective ministries. The day began with a Eucharistic celebration by Msgr. Voorhies, in which his homily set the tone for the retreat. Msgr. reminded us of the words of Pope Francis’ and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmed el-Tayeb in their historic and courageous Document of Human Fraternity.

“Faith leads a believer to see in the other a brother or sister to be supported and loved”. The Pope and Grand Imam invite “all persons who have faith in God and faith in human fraternity to unite and work together...and declare the adoption of a culture of dialogue as the path; mutual cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard”.

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe is blessed to have the following individuals who embody the spirit of the above document and “unite and work together” with other Christian and faith traditions to serve the needs of our communities. They are: Kathy Freeze, Catholic Charities; Deacon Robert Vigil, Pastoral Outreach; Anne Avellone, Social Justice; Jane Schindler, RCLA; Joe McCanna, Liturgical Music; Deacon Andy Dimas, Climate Change; Michelle Montez, Synod for Synodality; Dr. Marty Hewlett, Science; Lorri Helgeson, Lang Ha Pham, Leslie Monette, James and Melissa Winters, Ecumenical Laisons; Jim Gilroy, Commission Chair; and Msgr. Voorhies, Commission Director.

A special thanks go to Annunciation Parish for hosting the retreat and to Leslie Monette and Lang Ha Pham for all the work they did to make this retreat successful.
MONTHLY REFLECTION

Greeting the participants gathered at the Vatican for the Third International Congress on Catechesis on September 20, 2022, Pope Francis stressed the very important role catechists play in the Church, calling them "a sign of the Church's responsibility to so many people: children, young people and adults who wish to make a journey of faith."

The Pope encouraged catechists to never get tired of their ministry, to avoid a 'school lecture' type catechesis, and to strive to offer a "living experience of the faith that each of us wishes to pass on to the new generations."

At this time, offering catechesis is challenging work, he admitted, since it involves finding the best ways to communicate the faith to different age groups and walks of life.

The key, he noted, is the interpersonal encounter that "opens the heart" to hear the Gospel and accept the invitation to live and grow in Christian life. The new Directory for Catechesis distributed recently will offer helpful guidance, the Pope mentioned, especially in how to renew catechesis in dioceses and parishes.


PROTOCOLS FOR FAITH FORMATION IN THE PARISH

In line with directives received from Archbishop Wester and the Vicar General, Very Rev. Glennon Jones, the following are the most recent protocols for Faith Formation in the Parish:

In consultation and collaboration with your pastor it is now up to each parish to determine any COVID-19 precautions and protocols. We strongly recommend that you encourage families and individuals to continue to follow the CDC guidelines for their particular and local community situation.

- “CDC- August 11, 2022: “In lieu of quarantine, the CDC continues to recommend that those who have had a recent confirmed or suspected exposure to COVID-19 should wear a mask for 10 days around others and should be tested for the virus five or more days after the exposure. Those who are actually symptomatic or have tested positive for COVID-19 are instructed to isolate for at least five days or 24 hours after abatement of symptoms, whichever is later, and to wear a mask around others for a full 10 days.”

- Local transmission rate and precautionary information may be found at: https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view?list_select_state=New-Mexico&data-type=

Please continue your good work in advocating for and working with those families in your programs who have children or other family members who are high risk of severe illness or death.

- If participating in the Sunday Mass poses a serious risk, Archbishop Wester in his letter of August 22, 2022, reminds us that the pastor has the authority to excuse a person from the obligation to be present (Cf. CIC, c.1245). Advise those who have serious concerns to meet with their pastor regarding this.

Office of Faith Formation Website: asff.org
Office of Faith Formation Facebook: https://facebook.com/ASFFaithFormation/
POPE DECLARES SEASON OF CREATION FROM SEPT 1 TO OCT 4

"Listen to the voice of creation" is the theme and invitation of this year’s Season of Creation. The ecumenical phase begins on 1 September with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on 4 October with the feast of Saint Francis. It is a special time for all Christians to pray and work together to care for our common home. Pope Francis said this day of prayer will be a time for individuals and communities to "reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." Read his message here: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2022/documents/20220716-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html

CRS RICE BOWL REPORT FOR LENT 2022

Thanks to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for your generosity last Lent! Our Archdiocese raised over $52,596.07 so far and money is still coming in! 25% of our total stays in the 93 countries across the world where the Archdiocese assist with emergencies and development Archdiocese. The remaining 75% goes to CRS RICE BOWL Contributions online here: https://www.crsricebowl.org)

PLACE YOUR RICE BOWL ORDER TODAY!

Is it ever too early to start preparing for Lent? Materials for CRS Rice Bowl 2023 will be available soon to pre-order. We want YOU to be part of the journey—order FREE faith formation resources today! Contact the office (see box) to place your order.

CRS RICE BOWL SMALL GRANT PROCESS

Background: Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the international relief and development agency of the US Bishops (www.crs.org). CRS Rice Bowl (www.crsricebowl.org) is its well-known Lenten catechetical and sacrificial giving program. Each Lent, 75% of the Rice Bowl collection goes to CRS overseas development and hunger relief in places where CRS works. The remaining 25% of the total Lenten Rice Bowl collection goes into the Local Archdiocesan Rice Bowl fund. In keeping with the purpose of the 25% allocation, CRS requests that the 25% be used to support hunger and poverty alleviation programs in our diocese.

Criteria:

- Project/organization within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe that works to alleviate poverty, hunger, or homelessness
- Organization must be a 501(c)3 nonprofit or have a non-profit fiscal agent
- Project/oranization is connected to, supported by or collaborating with a Catholic parish, school or Archdiocesan entity
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- Organization is connected to, supported by or collaborating with a Catholic parish, school or Archdiocesan entity
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Examples of appropriate projects/organizations:

- SVdP-archdiocesan council or parish conference
- Parish soup kitchen or food bank, mobile food pantry
- Emergency food/shelter needs
- Transitional housing support
- Refugee support
- Immigrant support
- Support for homeless people
- Catholic Charities housing, hunger, refugee support
- Parish healthy food education
- Food assistance for women in crisis pregnancies

Time Line For Application: Organizations may apply for funds for local projects each year and may re-apply in subsequent years. The grant requests need to be submitted, by email only, each year by November 1. Award distributions will take place between January and Lent of each year. Award Amounts: The amount awarded depends on the CRS Rice Bowl Collection from previous Lent and may vary from year to year. Typical grants may be in the range of $200-$2,000.

How To Apply: Application form is available on the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Social Justice and Respect Life web page. If you have any questions or need an application, (see box).

ACTION ALERT

- Help Communities Overcome Hunger - Advocate the Farm Bill. Millions of children are going without food as increasing food insecurity impacts communities across the world. Urge Congress to consider reauthorizing the Farm Bill, which funds school-feeding programs, agricultural innovation and other long-term solutions to global hunger.
- Congress is in the process of reauthorizing the Global Food Security Act. This bill recommits the U.S. government to tackling food insecurity around the globe through the Feed the Future Initiative, which helps farmers increase their agricultural productivity, build sustainable livelihoods and improve their families’ nutrition. Act Now!
- Your voice is needed now. Increased flooding, longer and more severe droughts and other erratic weather patterns stemming from climate change are making it difficult for millions of people to survive. Farmers can’t grow enough crops, and families are forced to flee uninhabitable homes in search of safety and work.
- The war in Ukraine—in addition to creating a new refugee crisis—is causing food shortages and increased prices as its major exports of wheat, corn and other food supplies remain trapped in the country. And our sisters and brothers who are already vulnerable, including refugees and communities impacted by poverty, will be harmed the most. Urge your members of Congress to increase funding in the fiscal year 2023 budget for programs that help prevent and end global hunger and malnutrition!
- These are other action alerts from the USCCB that need your voice! Act Now!
A BETTER KIND OF POLITICS

As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. Pope Francis challenges us to respond by building a “better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good” (Fratelli Tutti, no. 154). Commit to building #ABetterKindofPolitics by pledging charity, clarity, and creativity to promote the common good at civilizeit.org.

NEW STATEMENT AND RESOURCES FOR STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

The U.S. bishops’ Committee on International Justice and Peace (CIJP) released a new statement calling for Catholics in the U.S. to renew the bonds of solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Africa. Read the statement (available in English, Spanish, and French) and learn more about the work of CIJP and collaborators like Catholic Relief Services. This helpful summary resource (in English and Spanish) also shares more about the work of Church programs to give life-saving aid and support to countries in Africa.

BE A FAITHFUL CITIZEN!

Important Dates for the 2022 General Election:

- October 11: Voter registration (by mail or online) closes.
- October 11: First day that absentee ballots can be mailed to voters (who have submitted an absentee application), and first day of Early Voting (at the county clerk’s office).
- October 22: Expanded Early Voting begins at alternate voting locations.
- November 3: Last day to request an absentee ballot.
- November 5: Last day of early voting.
- November 8: General Election Day.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH FROM POPE FRANCIS

“When human beings place themselves at the center, they give absolute priority to immediate convenience and all else becomes relative… It is also the mindset of those who say: Let us allow the invisible forces of the market to regulate the economy, and consider their impact on society and nature as collateral damage.”

(5/24/15, Laudato Si’, no. 122-123)
CCHD: WORKING ON THE MARGINS TO ADDRESS HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops, working to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ “… to bring glad tidings to the poor … liberty to captives … sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free.” (Luke 4:18)

The belief that those who are directly affected by unjust systems and structures have the best insight into knowing how to change them is central to CCHD. CCHD works to break the cycle of poverty by helping low-income people participate in decisions that affect their lives, families and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a handout. More than 1.5 million children experience homelessness in a year. More than 37 million Americans live in poverty. CCHD locally funded groups like La Cosecha CSA in Albuquerque help to address hunger in our own archdiocese. Learn more about CCHD https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development

OCTOBER 10 IS WORLD DAY AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY


ADD YOUR VOICE TO THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC PEACE & JUSTICE MOVEMENT. JOIN PAX CHRISTI USA.

Pax Christi USA is a membership organization, a community made up of individual members— including lay people, priests, women religious, bishops, deacons, families, students and more—as well as religious communities, parishes, universities, campus ministries, high schools, intentional communities, Catholic Worker Houses, local groups, regions and others. And we rely on your membership, your engagement to make us a vital, constructive movement for peace and justice in our church and the world today. Here’s just a small sample of what our members accomplished together in 2021!

Benefits of membership include:
* receiving our seasonal newsletter, The Peace Current 4 times a year
* free resources for prayer, study and action through our email network
* reduced registration rates for special events like the National Conference
* free downloadable resources for local groups, like the Vow of Nonviolence
* free hard-copy resources like prayer cards included in our membership mailings
* access to webinars and other online events

Most importantly, membership in Pax Christi USA means being part of a national community rooted in prayer, study and action, striving for both personal and social transformation, and committed to the peace, nonviolence, justice and compassion that are at the heart of the gospel message of Jesus.
MASS IN SPANISH IS BROADCAST 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.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE AFRICAN AMERICAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MASS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2022 – 12 NOON

Please join the Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community Mass on Sunday, October 30, 2022, 12 noon at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph’s Dr. NW, Albuquerque. Masks are optional for attendees. Join us in person or virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded:

Donations can be mailed to the AACC at 4000 St. Joseph Pl. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120 with AACC on memo line or made securely online at https://www.archdiocesesantafegiving.org/AACC. For more information please call (505) 401-8983 or (505) 831-8167.

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.

Now that the capacity of the churches and the celebration of the sacraments is gradually expanding, there has been a great demand for Marriage Preparation Retreats.

The next Retreats will take place on October 29-30, 2022 and January 28-29, 2023. (Normally these retreats are held only four times during the year.)

Couples interested in participating in an upcoming marriage preparation retreat are asked to contact the Hispanic Ministry Office directly for the most recent information (see box).

DEAF CIRCLE TRAINING

The ASF Office of Pastoral Outreach Deaf Circle is hosting a weekly Zoom meeting designed to assist interpreters who are currently interpreting the Roman Catholic Mass.

Please share this information with anyone who is interested in participating. You will receive the zoom access link once registered. The meeting will be hosted by Charles Griego, ASL Deaf Ministry Coordinator for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. If you have any questions you can reach him at charlesgriego@gmail.com or (505) 429-1068.

THRESHOLDS PRAYER GROUP

Join us every Wednesday at 7:30PM as we pray the rosary. We dedicate the rosary to those in Prison, their family members, and victims/survivors. Please share the link with Mentees, Alumni, and anyone you feel will be interested. Join through Zoom - https://zoom.us/j/92681353732?pwd=eUc4QXFuNUtZa1E1eHNFbGNWdU8rBz09.
To subscribe/unsubscribe to this free newsletter, or if there is an address change please contact Denise Frias at dfrias@archdiosf.org or 505-831-8165. Thank you!

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**PRE-CANA CLASSES**

*Pre-Cana de Santa Fe* will be having classes at Saint Anne Parish in Santa Fe. To register or more information call (505) 690-7451.
- **October 27, 28, and 29, 2022**

For questions, please contact the Family Life office at 505-831-8117 or yduranc@archdiosf.org

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION WEEKENDS for the Engaged**

Couples must attend the whole weekend. The cost is $85.00 per couple. Please visit www.familylifenm.org to register for one of the events.

Dates are as follows for 2022:
- **November 4-6, 2022**

For questions, please contact the Family Life office (see box).

**ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS**

To register for any upcoming dates in 2023, please visit abqsmfe.org

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**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT**

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry invites married and engaged couples to participate in our annual Marriage Enrichment Experience Weekend – featuring testimonies by married couples on topic universal to marriage. They explain how their Catholic faith enriched their love for one another and offer insight and strategies for making your marriage a strong, satisfying and an enduring symbol of Christ’s love.

The Marriage Enrichment Weekend will take place October 28th, 29th and November 4th at St Jude Thaddeus parish. Babysitting will be provided.

Call Jill Brame at 505-918-3850 or Deanna Reuter at 505-553-5540 to register and for more information. We look forward to seeing you soon!

**ARCHDIOCESAN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**

Creighton Model FertilityCare System
www.stjosephfertilitycare.org

Please visit our website for information on classes available through the family life office.

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**MARRIAGE SUPPORT**

Another marriage saving weekend is coming soon. Please help families in your community.

**Marriage Help - Retrouvaille** (pronounced Retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information call 505-890-3495 or visit helpsourmarriage.com

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Seasons of Hope is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions, and practices of the Catholic Church. The small faith-sharing group typically meets for six consecutive weeks. Anyone who is mourning the death of a loved one is welcome to attend. Participants are asked to bring a bible (we also have bibles available) and each receives a journal to guide them through the sessions. Registration is requested so materials can be prepared. Call Holy Rosary Parish at 505-836-5011 for dates.

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Help Us Conserve Resources and Trees!
If you have an email address we can send you the PMD Express, via e-mail, which will save printing materials. Simply send a message to cbecerra@archdiosf.org

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