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NEWS RELEASE

**Archbishop John C. Wester to Ordain
Two Seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate
Santa Maria de la Paz Catholic Community
11 College Ave, Santa Fe, NM 87508
Saturday, May 20, 2023 | 10 a.m.**

ALBUQUERQUE – Friday, May 19, 2023—IMMEDIATE RELEASE-- Archbishop John C. Wester will ordain two seminarians to the transitional diaconate in the Roman Catholic Church, Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Santa Maria de la Paz Catholic Community in Santa Fe.

Brother Patricio Chacon, O. Praem. and seminarian Jacob Romero will be ordained to the transitional diaconate. The newly ordained deacons will be given the authority to baptize, witness marriages, and preach the Gospel. This is the final step prior to priesthood.

Biographies provided by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Vocations



Brother Patricio Chacón, O. Praem entered the Norbertine Community of Santa Maria de la Paz in Albuquerque as a postulant and was vested as a novice in 2017. In 2019, Br. Patricio professed first vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from the University of New Mexico and is studying theology at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL. He professed solemn (final) vows in 2022. He is involved in youth ministry, ministry to those who are homebound, those who are bereaved, and in Chicago, campus and parish ministry, all influential in his vocation.

Br. Patricio has two sisters, three brothers, three nieces, and one nephew. He is the son of Amadeo and Adela Chacón, who live in Capulín, located in northern New Mexico. It is through his rootedness in family that he felt God call him to his vocation, living a life of service to his Norbertine brothers and sisters and the local church.



Jacob Romero was born in Santa Fe, NM, to Christopher and Euphrasia Romero. He grew up in Los Alamos and attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, where he received all his sacraments. When he was nine years old, he considered the priesthood and entering seminary in high school. At the University of New Mexico, he attended the Aquinas Newman Center and again felt called to the priesthood. After three years of studying electrical engineering, he entered the seminary. He attended Mount Angel Seminary and studied philosophy for three years. Following graduation, he attended Theological College, the National Seminary of The Catholic University of America in

Washington, DC, for theology studies. This year, he completes his third year of theology, graduating with a Sacred Theology Baccalaureate, and will begin the Sacred Theology Licentiate program focusing on Liturgical Studies in the fall. He feels tremendously blessed to have served in various parishes throughout the archdiocese and prays he will be a worthy servant to the archdiocese as he is ordained a deacon.

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