

ASSIGNMENT MEMO

From Very Reverend Glenn Jones,
Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy

June 27, 2023

ARCHBISHOP JOHN C. WESTER HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS:

- Effective Monday, May 15, 2023 – Reverend Franklin Iwuagwu, previously Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart in Clovis, has been appointed as Pastor of Sacred Heart in Clovis.
- Effective Thursday, June 1, 2023 – Reverend Adrian Sisneros has been appointed as Vocations Director, this is in addition to his current assignment as Parochial Vicar of Estancia Valley Catholic Parish in Moriarty.
- Effective Saturday, June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Rogelio Anaya has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Andrew Pavlak.
- Effective Saturday, June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Martin Chairez has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Santuario de San Martin de Porres in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Very Reverend Oscar Coelho.
- Effective Saturday, June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Leroy Anthony Chavez has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Monsignor Lambert Luna.
- Effective Saturday, June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Bernard Ela has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Monsignor Douglas Raun.
- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Douglas Payton Feery has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Saint John XXIII Catholic Community in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Tai Pham.
- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Lloyd Garley has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Prince of Peace Catholic Community in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Michael Shea.
- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Andrew Ralph Hadcock has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. Jude Thaddeus in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Tien-Tri Nguyen.
- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Louis Edward Herrera has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Prince of Peace Catholic Community in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Michael Shea.
- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Philip Kahle has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Monsignor Douglas Raun.

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- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Brian Mora has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at the Shrine of St. Bernadette in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Very Reverend Rick Zerwas.
- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Alexander Eugene Padilla has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Church of Ascension in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Edmund Savilla.
- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Angel Rivera has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Prince of Peace Catholic Community in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Michael Shea.
- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Dan Sanchez has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at San Felipe de Neri in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Parish Administrator, Reverend Michael Chiagorom.
- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Jeffrey Schaff has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Monsignor Douglas Raun.
- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Robert Tarin has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. Jude Thaddeus in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Tien-Tri Nguyen.
- Effective Saturday June 3, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Dominic Brian Valencia has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. Jude Thaddeus in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Tien-Tri Nguyen.
- Effective Friday, June 9, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Reverend Cameron Degani has been appointed as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows in Las Vegas, serving with Very Reverend Rob Yaksich.
- Effective Saturday, June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Paul Benoit has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. Helen in Portales, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Francisco Carbajal.
- Effective Saturday, June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon John Chavez has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Our Lady of Belen in Belen, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Clement Niggel.

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- Effective Saturday, June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon James Alan Dinkel has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Los Alamos, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend John Daniel.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Jon Fischer has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at San Isidro in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the Parish Administrator, Reverend Jose Herrera.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Javier Madrid has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Clovis, under the guidance of the Pastor, Very Reverend Eli Valadez.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Christopher Martinez has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Our Lady of Belen, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Clement Niggel.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Claren Martinez has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Taos, under the guidance of the Parish Administrator, Reverend Felice Peter Mgendwa.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Donald Martinez has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. John the Baptist in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend James Sanchez.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Patrick Martinez has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at San Antonio de Padua in Peñasco, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend John Kimani.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Clarence Montoya has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. Gertrude the Great in Mora, under the guidance of the Parish Administrator, Reverend Dale Craig, S.O.L.T.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Dennis Patrick Montoya has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Sacred Heart in Española, under the guidance of the Pastor, Dominic Pierson.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Eric Nelson has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Sacred Heart in Clovis, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Franklin Iwuagwu.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Gabriel Larry Pacheco has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. Anthony of Padua in Pecos, under the guidance of the Parish Administrator, Reverend Christopher Nnonyelu.

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- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Donald Louis Serrano has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at St. John the Baptist in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend James Sanchez.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Joey Silva has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Taos, under the guidance of the Parish Administrator, Reverend Felice Peter Mgendwa.
- Effective Saturday June 10, 2023 – Newly Ordained – Deacon Donald Christopher Yardman has been appointed to Diaconal Ministry at Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe del Valle de Pojoaque in Pojoaque, under the guidance of the Parish Administrator, Reverend Franklin Pretto-Ferro.
- Effective Monday June 19, 2023 – Reverend Christopher Martinez, previously Pastor of Holy Family/St. Joseph in Roy and Santa Clara in Wagon Mound and its missions, has been granted a leave of absence.
- Effective Sunday June 25, 2023 – Reverend Agustín Henderson, previously Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows in Las Vegas, has been appointed as Pastor of Holy Family/St. Joseph in Roy and Santa Clara in Wagon Mound and its missions.
- Effective Friday June 30, 2023 – Reverend Clarence Maes, previously Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows in Bernalillo and its missions, has been appointed as Pastor of San Antonio de Padua in Peñasco and St. Anthony in Dixon.
- Effective Friday June 30, 2023 – Reverend John Kimani, previously Pastor of San Antonio de Padua in Peñasco and St. Anthony in Dixon, has been appointed as Pastor of Our Lady of Belen in Belen.
- Effective Friday June 30, 2023 – Reverend Clement Niggel, previously Pastor of Our Lady of Belen in Belen, has been appointed as Pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows in Bernalillo and its missions.
- Effective Friday June 30, 2023 – Reverend Timothy Martinez, previously Director of Ongoing Formation, has been appointed as Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Albuquerque.
- Effective Friday June 30, 2023 – Reverend Vincent Dominguez, previously Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Albuquerque, has been appointed as Pastor of San Miguel Del Vado in Ribera and its Missions and Pastor for Our Lady of Guadalupe in Villanueva and its Missions.

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- Effective Friday June 30, 2023 – Reverend Moses Nwankwo, previously Pastor of San Miguel Del Vado in Ribera and its Missions and Pastor for Our Lady of Guadalupe in Villanueva and its Missions, has been appointed as Pastor of St. Rose of Lima in Santa Rosa and Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Fort Sumner.
- Effective Friday June 30, 2023 – Reverend Christopher Bernabe, previously Pastor of St. Rose of Lima in Santa Rosa and Pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Fort Sumner, has been granted a leave of absence.
- Effective Friday June 30, 2023 – Very Reverend Stephen Schultz, has been appointed as Director of Ongoing Priestly Formation, this is in addition to his assignment as Chancellor for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and as Pastor of Our Lady of Fatima in Albuquerque.
- Effective Saturday July 1, 2023 – Reverend Stephen Gaertner, O.Praem., previously Sacramental Minister at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, has been appointed as Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Conception in Albuquerque, serving with Reverend Stephen Rosera.

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