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NEWS RELEASE

Archbishop John C. Wester on the Passing of Governor Bill Richardson

ALBUQUERQUE – Thursday, September 7, 2023– IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, released a statement on the passing of former Governor Bill Richardson:

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe extends its deepest sympathy to Governor Bill Richardson's wife, Barbara, and his family as we mourn the loss of this great statesman. Gov. Richardson's life was clearly focused on public service as a United States Congressman, New Mexico Governor, President Bill Clinton's Secretary of Energy, and a tireless advocate for the freedom of those unjustly detained. He was especially instrumental in ending the death penalty in 2010 here in New Mexico.

St. Irenaeus famously said the glory of God is a human being fully alive. Certainly, Gov. Richardson fit that description as he lived life fully.

He enjoyed his many roles of service, and he enjoyed being with the people he served. He will be missed, but his legacy will live on for many, many years. May he and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

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