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An Easter Message from Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe March 31, 2024

As we celebrate the great solemnity of Easter this year, I wish you the fullness of Christ's peace and grace. For eight days, we will commemorate Christ's victory over the grave and His triumph over evil. This "Octave of Easter" will give way to the Easter Season, which ends with Pentecost. During these graced days of Easter, we give thanks for those who will receive the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers, as well as those who have just been baptized and received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. I am encouraged by the large number of people who have been initiated into the Catholic Church this year. Truly, our archdiocese is strong and vibrant as it emerges from bankruptcy and the pandemic.

Let us also remember in our prayers those outside our local church who are victims of raging wars, especially in Ukraine and the Holy Land. The first words of the Risen Christ to His disciples were words of peace. The Lord's heart must certainly ache as the thunder of war grows ever louder. Prayers are powerful: please never stop praying for the peace that is so dear to the heart of Christ.

I am remembering you all in my prayers and Masses during this Easter season. May the Risen Lord raise His arms of benediction over all of us and grant us His peace and never-ending mercy.

Your Servant in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend John C. Wester

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