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NEWS RELEASE

Archbishop John C. Wester To Ordain One Seminarian to the Transitional Diaconate

Risen Savior Catholic Community
7701 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109
Thursday, May. 16, 2024 | 10 a.m.

ALBUQUERQUE – Wednesday, May 15, 2024—IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, will ordain one seminarian to the transitional diaconate in the Roman Catholic Church. Michael Villavicencio will be ordained Thursday, May 16 at 10 a.m. at Risen Savior Catholic Community.

Michael will become a newly ordained deacon and will be given the authority to baptize, witness marriages, and preach the Gospel. This is the final step prior to priesthood.

Biography provided by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Vocations

Michael Villavicencio grew up in Albuquerque, NM, to parents Vincent and JoAnn. He says, “Being homeschooled cultivated my openness to discerning the priesthood. After learning about St. Vincent de Paul, I felt the desire to serve the people of God in the same way that he did in his priestly ministry: caring for the poor and children in need.” He is also very grateful for the infectious joy the priests in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe bestow upon the people of God that is so unique; they are great examples for him in his formation.



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