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NEWS RELEASE

Archbishop John C. Wester to Ordain Three Seminarians to the Priesthood

Deacons Jacob Romero and Ryan Thomas Stoer

Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi
131 Cathedral Place, Santa Fe, NM 87501
Saturday, May 18, 2024 | 10 a.m.

Deacon Patricio Chacón, O. Praem

Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Community
5415 Fortuna Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105
Saturday, June 1, 2024 | 10 a.m.

ALBUQUERQUE – Wednesday, May 15, 2024—IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, will ordain three seminarians to the priesthood in the Roman Catholic Church. Deacons Jacob Romero and Ryan Thomas Stoer will be ordained Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe, and Deacon Patricio Chacón, O. Praem on June 1 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Community in Albuquerque with Right Reverend Joel P. Garner, O.Praem. concelebrating.

The ceremonies, celebrated by Archbishop Wester, will be solemn and momentous occasions attended by fellow clergy members, family, friends, and members of the parish. With prayers, laying on of hands, and the invocation of the Holy Spirit, Deacons Chacon, Romero, and Stoer will receive the sacrament of Holy Orders, becoming a conduit for God's grace and embodying the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church.

Biographies provided by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Vocations



Deacon 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.

Deacon 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.

Deacon 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 Deacon Jacob 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. 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 priest.

Deacon Ryan Thomas Stoer grew up in Farmington, NM, to parents Tom and Lorrie Stoer. Deacon Ryan



finds inspiration in the Gospel story of Jesus healing the blind man in John chapter 9. He believes a priest is ordained to help open the eyes of the faithful, revealing Jesus through preaching the truth and administering sacraments. A particular influence on his journey is a senior priest at his seminary, over 90 years old, whose dedication to prayer and fidelity to Jesus over 60 years of priesthood brings great joy and inspiration.

Ryan's journey to the priesthood took a meaningful turn during a challenging period in his life. A priest's suggestion during confession led him to seminary in the Diocese of Jackson. However, a visit back to New Mexico, where he experienced a profound sense of home and peace, prompted his return to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

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