

ASSIGNMENT MEMO

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

January 7, 2025

ARCHBISHOP JOHN C. WESTER HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS:

- Effective Thursday, August 15, 2024 - Deacon Steven Fraker, previously assigned at Prince of Peace in Albuquerque, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of the Annunciation in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Rev. Monsignor Bennett J. Voorhies.
- Effective Monday, August 19, 2024 - Rev. Benjamin Onwumelu has been incardinated into the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
- Effective Tuesday, August 20, 2024 - Rev. Stephen Gaertner, O.Praem., previously parochial vicar of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary in Albuquerque, has been appointed as parochial vicar of Immaculate Conception in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Very Rev. Stephen Rosera.
- Effective Friday, August 23, 2024- Rev. Arthur Anderson, O.F.M., newly arrived, has been granted faculties while assigned to Casa Guadalupe Friary in Albuquerque. He has also been appointed as an Archdiocesan Judge and Defender of the Bond.
- Effective Sunday, September 1, 2024 - Rev. Joji Konkala, previously parochial vicar of St. Francis Xavier in Clayton, has been appointed as parish administrator of St. Francis Xavier in Clayton.
- Effective Monday, September 30, 2024 - Deacon Juan Barajas has been granted retirement after serving over 37 years.
- Effective Thursday, October 10, 2024 - Rev. Christopher De Herrera, newly arrived, has been assigned to minister in the Tribunal of Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
- Effective Monday, October 21, 2024 - Deacon Miguel Salazar has been granted retirement after serving over 21 years.
- Effective Friday, November 8, 2024 - Rev. Blane Grein, O.F.M., newly arrived, has been granted faculties while assigned to San Juan Diego Friary in Albuquerque.
- Effective Wednesday, November 13, 2024 - Rev. Jacob Romero, previously parochial vicar of Our Lady of Fatima in Albuquerque, has been appointed as pastor of St. Rose of Lima in Santa Rosa and its missions and as pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Fort Sumner.
- Effective Friday, November 15, 2024 - Rev. Johnpaul Afuecheta, previously pastor of St. Anne in Tucumcari, has been appointed as parochial vicar of Our Lady of Fatima in Albuquerque, serving with Very Rev. Stephen Schultz.
- Effective Sunday, December 1, 2024 - Rev. Christopher Bernabe has been appointed as parochial vicar of Queen of Heaven in Albuquerque, serving with Rev. Simeon Wimmershoff.
- Effective Sunday, December 1, 2024-Rev. Antaiah Yaganti, newly arrived, has been appointed for the Archdiocesan Tribunal, serving with Very Rev. Ron Walters, O.F.M., as well as sacramental minister at Our Lady of the Annunciation in Albuquerque, serving with Rev. Monsignor Bennett J. Voorhies
- Effective Sunday, December 1, 2024 - Deacon Juan Ortiz, previously assigned at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Albuquerque, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Rev. Christopher Hallada.

Apologies for the delay in this memo. The personnel situation continues to be in constant change.

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