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STATEMENT

Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe,
Wishes the People of God a Blessed Easter Season

ALBUQUERQUE – Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025—IMMEDIATE RELEASE—

Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, wishes the people of God a blessed Easter season:

“Behold, I make all things new.” (Revelation 21:5) This quote comes from the Book of Revelation in which St. John sees Christ, who was crucified in weakness and risen in glory, speaking from the throne of God. The significance of these words cannot be overestimated. Everything, every little thing, every big thing, all of creation, is made new through the Paschal Mystery, namely, the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. For starters, life itself is made new in that we are no longer slaves of sin and death but rather already live the first installments of eternal life. Through our baptisms, in which we were made one with Christ’s Paschal Mystery, we are sharers in Christ’s victory and now have the promise of eternal life. That means that our lives have not just been changed but made forever new. We have a new hope, a new vision, a new purpose. It is the vision of Christ, a vision that informs everything that we do, say and think. All is viewed now through the Resurrection of Christ, which renews everything. For example, our relationships are transformed as we saw when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples on Holy Thursday, the master bending over to serve his followers. Our relationships are further transformed as we forgive one another just as Jesus forgave those who nailed him to the cross on Good Friday. And our ability to see the risen Christ is made new just as the faith of the disciples grew when they gazed into the empty tomb on Easter morning.

We are called as members of this local Church to proclaim “Alleluia,” Christ is risen. And we do that when we treat each other with dignity, respect and love, symbolically washing each other’s feet. We do it when people hurt us, when they nail us to the cross because of prejudice, jealousy or greed, and yet forgive them. We do it when we can see beyond the ordinary and see Christ abiding in the immigrant, the poor, the persecuted, the downtrodden and the unhoused. Indeed, it is up to us now to continue Christ’s work by making all things new as we ourselves are made new when we renew our baptismal promises and celebrate the Paschal Mystery around the altar this Easter. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, we rejoice that God “...will wipe away every tear from [our] eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away. And he who sat upon the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new.’” (Revelation 21:4-5)

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