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The Pastoral Ministries Division is “Called by God, Sent to Serve”

IN MEMORIUM
Pope Francis
DECEMBER 17, 1936 - APRIL 21, 2025



Most Reverend John C. Wester on Pope Francis, "He was a shepherd to us all."

"It is with profound sorrow and a heavy heart that I address you today in the wake of the passing of our beloved Pope Francis. His departure marks the end of an era filled with compassion, wisdom, and unwavering dedication to the teachings of Christ.


"Pope Francis was a shepherd to us all, guiding the Church with a gentle spirit and a fierce commitment to justice, peace, and the dignity of every human being. His emphasis on mercy and inclusivity transformed countless lives and inspired a renewed sense of hope within the global community. Through his actions and words, he reminded us of the importance of caring for the marginalized and standing up for the voiceless.

"As we grieve the loss of our Holy Father, let us also celebrate his remarkable life and extraordinary contributions. His legacy will continue to illuminate our path as we strive to embody the values he championed. In this time of mourning, I urge all the faithful to come together in prayer, reflecting on the profound impact Pope Francis has had on our lives and the Church.

"May we honor his memory by committing ourselves to the mission he so passionately lived out: to proclaim the Gospel, to spread love, foster peace, and serve those in need. Let us pray for the repose of his soul and seek comfort in our shared faith."

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Pope Francis
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO HIM



**PRAYER FOR
THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS**


Eternal rest grant unto Your servant, Pope Francis,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Loving Father, we thank You for the life, ministry,
and humble service of Your faithful servant, Pope Francis.
You called him to lead Your Church as the Vicar of Christ,
and he answered with courage, compassion, and love.

Now that his earthly journey has ended,
welcome him into Your heavenly kingdom.
May he find joy in the presence of the saints,
peace in the company of angels,
and rest in Your everlasting embrace.

Comfort Your Church in this time of mourning,
and raise up new shepherds to lead us with faith and wisdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for him.
Saint Peter, pray for him.
All holy men and women of God, pray for him. Amen.



Pope Francis In Memoriam
from the USCCB
<https://www.usccb.org/pope-francis-resources-memoriam>

Archdiocese of Santa—Pope Francis in Memoriam
<https://archdiosf.org/pope-francis-in-memoriam>

Reflection on Pope Francis from Vatican News
<https://youtu.be/5qUuvj9TmtQ?si=Ai7kL0f0QxrZt8pY>



Resources Regarding Pope Francis for Youth
from National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry

- [10 Ways to Remember Pope Francis](#)
- [Prayer Service for Pope Francis](#)
- [Pope Francis Has Died—What Happens Now?](#)

Papal Conclave: How Does the Catholic Church Elect a New Pope?
from The Religion Teacher
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9b8mDmhTmwg>

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope
From the USCCB

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in Your boundless fatherly love a pastor for Your Church
who will please You by his holiness and to show us watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and resign with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, forever and ever.
Amen.



Office of Social Justice & Respect Life

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CCHD Internship Available

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty social justice program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Through annual collections in parishes throughout the U.S., CCHD is able to provide local Archdiocesan grants to promote and support community-based efforts and education for justice that work to end the root causes of poverty. The internship is a great opportunity to learn more about social justice education, poverty relief, community development, economic development and Catholic social teaching. Contact Person/Information: Bernadette Zamora (see box).

A Novena for Life
honoring the Feast of the Visitation
May 22–30 | Sign up: respectlife.org/visitation



*Happy Mother's Day
to all mothers,
grandmothers and
godmothers!*



May 31, 2025: Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On May 31st, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the Blessed Mother's visit to her cousin Elizabeth and the encounter of Jesus and St. John the Baptist while in the wombs of their mothers.

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Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Jubilee Year
of
Hope



Año Jubilar
de la
Esperanza

Arquidiócesis Católica Romana de Santa Fe



Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..." For more information go to: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>.

These parishes have been designated as pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year of Hope in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

<u>Pilgrimage Site</u>	<u>Deanery</u>	<u>City</u>
Shrine of St. Therese the Little Flower	ABQ A	Albuquerque
Shrine of St. Bernadette	ABQ B	Albuquerque
St. Augustine / Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha	ABQ C	Isleta Pueblo
San Felipe de Neri	ABQ C	Old Town Albuquerque
St. Gertrude the Great	NE	Mora
Santuario de Chimayó	NW	Chimayó
Santa Rosa de Lima	SE	Santa Rosa
San Miguel	SW	Socorro
Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi	SF	Santa Fe

Adult Faith Development

Praying with Creative Arts: Poetry

From reading Scripture, learn how to pray through music, poetry and the visual arts.

Time: April 28 – May 18, 2025

Presenter: Marie Morrison.

Venue: University of Dayton Virtual Learning for Faith Formation

Registration: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu>

You are invited to register for these upcoming faith opportunities presented by Sr. Paula Gallagher, IHM. If you are a ministry leader, we appreciate you sharing this email with your members. Please come and join us. These classes and retreats are open to everyone. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).



April 2025

Grandparenting in Faith

As grandparents we have a vital role in our families, heaping love and encouragement on them, showing them courage in making right choices for living, and sharing the heritage of our loving faith traditions. We gather to ask God to bless and empower us for this role, and to help us to do this relationship well and joyfully.

Time: Mondays April 26, May 5 and May 12, 1 – 3 PM via Zoom

Presenter: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

Register to: Denise Frias, Executive Assistant 505-831-8165 dfrias@asfnm.org

The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Franciscus



~ Save the Dates ~

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FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program

CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System: An Authentic Language of a Woman's Health and Fertility

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Education Phase I:
July 5-12, 2025
Education Phase II:
February 7-12, 2026

For information & an application, contact
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01 (505) 263-3509

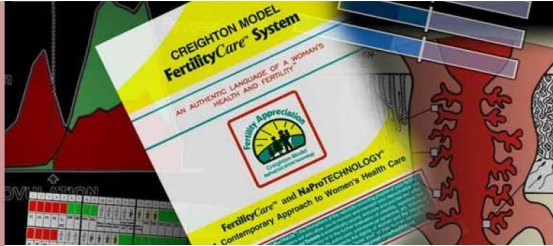
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW

Application deadline
June 1, 2025

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The Catholic Center
4000 St. Joseph Dr. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

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Office of Family Life

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Marriage Preparation

Weekends for the Engaged

Couples must attend the whole weekend. Please visit www.familylifennm.org to register for one of the events. The cost is \$85.00 per couple.

2025 dates are:

- September 19-21, 2025
- November 14-16, 2025



Evenings for Engaged at St. Jude Parish, Albuquerque

To register, please call 505-898-0826.

- May 6, 8, 13, 15 and 17
- July 22, 24, 29, 31 and August 2
- November 4, 6, 11, 13 and 15

Pre-Cana de Santa Fe

Pre-Cana classes at St. Anne Parish in Santa Fe.

To register or more information call 505-690-7451.

- July 24-26
- October 23-25

For questions, please contact the Family Life office (see box).

Comfort, Hope & Healing: Suicide Support Group

The Family Life Office along with the support of Archbishop John C. Wester would like to announce a new support group for individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. The program is being led by suicide loss survivors. Those interested in participating in the 8 week discussion group, please contact the Office of Family Life (see box).

Monthly Potluck Get-Togethers

The purpose of this ministry is to strengthen and enrich the relationship between a man, a woman, and God during the couple's journey through the sacrament of marriage.

Potlucks take place at 6:30pm, all in Albuquerque. Free childcare is provided.

May 16, 2025 at Queen of Heaven Catholic Church

June 20, 2025 at St. John XXIII Catholic Community

July 18, 2025 at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church

August 15, 2025 at Queen of Heaven Catholic Church

September 19, 2025 at St. John XXIII Catholic Community

Have questions, need more information, or want to be reminded about upcoming monthly potlucks and other Archdiocese of Santa Fe Marriage Enrichment events? Visit <https://bit.ly/4gkxPXU>



Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning

⇒ **Creighton Model FertilityCare System—**
www.stjosephfertilitycare.org

⇒ **Couple to Couple League—**
<https://ccli.powerappsportals.com/en-US/>

Retrouvaille, a lifeline for troubled marriages.

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille will teach you a method to re-establish communication. This three phase program consists of a weekend experience, a series of 12 follow-up sessions over a twelve week period, and a monthly meeting for lifelong support. Our next program will begin on March 28-30, 2025. Inquire or register on our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.



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Available Resources and Information on Immigration

List of Community Service Agencies Serving Immigrants: <http://hispanicministryasf.org/immigration/>



**Marriage Preparation Retreat
"Nos Vamos a Casar"
(presented in Spanish)**

The Archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry, in collaboration with the Office of Family Life, invite all Spanish speaking couples who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage to participate in a marriage preparation retreat "Nos Vamos a Casar". This retreat is one of the approved programs in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Now that the capacity of the churches and the celebration of the sacraments is gradually expanding, there has been a great demand for Marriage Preparation Retreats. Normally, these retreats are held only four times during the year. The remaining retreat dates are:

- **July 26 & 27, 2025**
- **October 25 & 26, 2025**

Couples interested in participating in an upcoming marriage preparation retreat are asked to contact the Hispanic Ministry Office directly for the most recent information (see box).



MASS IN SPANISH IS BROADCASTED EVERY SUNDAY ON CHANNEL 50(My50TV-KASY)



In an effort to reach out to our brothers and sisters whose primary language is Spanish and who are not able to attend Sunday Mass in their local parishes due to illness, age, or other issues, the offices of Hispanic Ministry and Broadcast Media broadcast the Mass in Spanish on television each week. These Masses are aired every Sunday at 7:00am on My50TV (KASY) - channel 50 on regular television (check with your television signal provider for other channels). Please share this information with anyone who may benefit from this broadcast. Recordings of these Masses can also be viewed beginning at 4:30pm on Saturday (pre-Sunday mass) via YouTube by visiting the following link: <http://hispanicministryasf.org/tv-and-radio-programs/video-collection/>. For any questions regarding the broadcast of the Mass in Spanish, please call the Office of Hispanic Ministry (see box). The Holy Mass can also be heard on the radio every Sunday on KNMX 540 AM in Las Vegas, NM at 8:00am.

The Archdiocesan eBook Library is Open!

The MRC library in Albuquerque is permanently closed, but the ebook library is available to all members of the archdiocese. Your existing library card is still valid. You can borrow ebooks, audiobooks, and stream videos using the Libby app on your computer, phone, or personal device. We have over 2,400 ebooks, audiobooks, and videos, and the Libby search feature is very flexible. Visit www.smdlp.org/library and click on EBOOKS for instructions on logging into the app with your library card. If you need a library card, click on REGISTER. Library volunteers at Santa Maria de la Paz are administering the archdiocesan library system under a grant from The Catholic Foundation. The library system includes three physical book libraries (at the parishes in Santa Fe, Raton, and Clovis) plus the online ebook library. If you forgot your password or username, or have any other library questions or problems, please email library@smdlp.org.



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Thresholds Weekly Rosary

Join us **every Wednesday** at 7:30pm via Zoom, as we pray the rosary. We dedicate the rosary to those in prison, their family members, and victims/survivors. To

join by Zoom, [click here](#). Please share the link with Mentees, Alumni, and anyone you feel will be interested.

iTHIRST Ministry



A ministry of Spiritual Companionship training and empowering our Church to be a resource for those suffering with addictions and their families as a healing initiative. In our archdiocese we have had several people (both English and Spanish speaking) certified as iTHIRST Spiritual Companions through Seton Hall University. If you would like more information please call Pastoral Outreach (see box).

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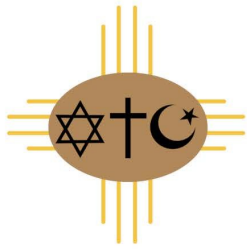
Christmas in May

The Native American Ministry Office is collecting *new* toy donations for native children in need. If you would like to donate, please drop off the donations at the Pastoral Center (4000 St. Joseph's Pl. NW Albuquerque, NM 87120) hours are from 8:30am - 11:30am and 1pm - 4:30pm. Thank you in advance for your help!



St. Kateri Tekakwitha Scholarship Applications Due By May 30, 2025

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Scholarship application packets are now available! Applicants must be Native American, Catholic or non-Catholic, in grades kindergarten to twelfth; enrolled or will be enrolled in one of the ASF Catholic schools for the 2025-2026 academic school year. Parents must describe a verified level of need and unique circumstances through the Grant & Aid Assessment in FACTS at each Catholic School. The application can be found [here](#). For more information on the scholarship please contact the Native American Ministry Office (see box).



New Mexico Interfaith Dialogue
presents our annual colloquium

STEREOTYPES

Msgr. Bennett Voorhies
Speaker



Rabbi Celia Surget
Speaker

Dr. Aamna Nayyar
Speaker



Victor Raigoza
Moderator

Sunday, May 4th, 2025

1 - 5 pm

Congregation Albert

3800 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM

Details and Registration:

www.NMInterfaithDialogue.org

Walk-ins welcome (cash-only)



\$30/\$15 students Light snacks provided Doors open at 12:45



<https://udayton.edu/artssciences/ctr/ipi/index.php>

The Institute for Pastoral Initiatives mobilizes the resources of the University of Dayton for partnerships with the Church that create and implement innovative pastoral initiatives designed to meet the needs of the Church and to articulate faith within the context of contemporary culture.

What Do We Provide?

Resources for Inclusive Catechesis: The Institute for Pastoral Initiatives serves as a support network and resource to individuals with disabilities and their families by providing DVDs and print resources, consultations, and networking opportunities.

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation: A growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet.

[Learn more](#)



What is the VLCFF?

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is an Internet distance-learning program to support catechist and adult faith formation in the Church.

Website English: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/>

Website Spanish: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/?lang=es>

About the VLCFF

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet. The goal is to support the church's professional ministry of religious education and faith formation in cyberspace.

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe has a Partnership with the University of Dayton VLCFF.

As a partner, individuals from our diocese who take a VLCFF course pay \$50.00 per course/\$40.00 per seminar. (An individual from a non-VLCFF diocesan partner pays \$105.00 per course/\$80.00 per seminar).

Click the link below to access the course calendars:

English: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/>

Español: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/?lang=es>

Cycle 3: April 28 – May 18, 2025 (3-week e-seminars only). Registration opens March 12, 2025.

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A March Through The Easter Season

For 40 days, we Catholics spent our time praying, fasting, and giving alms to prepare for the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Christ. The next 50 days, according to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, from our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ to Pentecost Sunday, "...is characterized, above all, by the joy of glorified life and the victory over death expressed most fully in the great resounding cry of the Christian: Alleluia! All faith flows from faith in the Resurrection." <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/easter>

Everything changed at Easter! A single day is not enough time to celebrate the magnitude of the Resurrection of the Lord, and thus a new way to organize time is required. The Easter season or Eastertide is the longest season in the Church calendar. We even prolong the joy of Easter Sunday by celebrating the first 8 days, the Octave of Easter, as solemnities of the Lord. In a sense, every day of the Octave is like a little Sunday.

During the Easter season the first reading for every Mass come from the Acts of the Apostles: the story of the early Church's life and growth after the Resurrection and reminder of our role to spread the Good News. In the sanctuary near the Altar or Ambo, until Pentecost Sunday, the Paschal Candle remains as a central symbol of the divine light of God and the presence of the Risen Christ among the people of God. The liturgical color white is used as the color of joy, light, purity and innocence or rebirth. We, like his apostles, spend this sacred time rejoicing in the Resurrection, learning more from him and awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Liturgical Calendar

- ◆ April 20 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
- ◆ April 27 – Sunday of Divine Mercy
- ◆ June 1 – The Ascension of the Lord
- ◆ June 8 – Pentecost Sunday

Additional Resources for the Easter Season

- ◇ <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/easter>
- ◇ <https://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/easter-season-resources.html>
- ◇ <https://www.sadlier.com/religion/easter-resources>
- ◇ <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/easter/>
- ◇ <https://www.thereligionteacher.com/easter-activities/>
- ◇ <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/browse?search=catholic%20easter%20activities>
- ◇ <https://www.catholicteacherresources.com/category/church-seasons/easter/>
- ◇ <https://hallow.com/easter/>
- ◇ <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/divine-mercy-sunday>
- ◇ <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/easter/divine-mercy-sunday/>
- ◇ <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate>

Catechetical Leader (DRE, CRE, Youth Ministry Coordinator, etc.) Gathering

When: June 3, 2025 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm or June 4, 2025 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
 Where: Via Zoom
 Topic: Continuation of Best Practices
 Please let Della know which date you will be attending

Basic Skills for Catechists: Trusting in the Spirit

Date: June 9 from 6-8pm
 Where: Via Zoom.
 The number of participants is limited. Reserve your spot today!



2025 Lay Leadership Summit

Join us for the NALM's Lay Ministry Leadership Summit on May 28-30, 2025, at Loyola University Chicago. Be part of the national conversation on lay ministry, where NALM is bringing together lay leaders from across the nation.

Thank You!

We wish to thank all who are contributing to the Annual Catholic Appeal, making the ministries of the Pastoral Ministries Division possible.



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