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A Newsletter for the Deacons of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Special



The Office of Deacons would like to thank you for your ministry to the Church, The Archdiocese of Santa Fe, and to the many services provided to the people of God and the entire community. May God Bless you abundantly!

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From the Desk of the Director of the Deacon's Office



When Archbishop Wester called me the day before Thanksgiving last year to ask if I would consider taking on the responsibility of directing the Office of Deacons, it was less than a week after a total hip replacement. Mind you, my doctor told me to not make any important decisions right after surgery. Though I was certainly honored (and a bit intimidated) by his request, I told the Archbishop that I needed some time to pray about it.

I think he took that as a yes.

Stepping into the shoes of some great deacon directors — not the least of which is Deacon Andy Carrillo, is a bit intimidating and I can only hope to continue their legacy of humble service to our diaconal community.

I realize that there are many of you who do not know me, nor me you, and I hope that we can rectify that over the next few years.

Here is a brief snapshot of me and what I hope to bring to the position:

I was ordained by Bishop O'Brian in Phoenix in 2000. In 2002 I was asked to take on the role of Deacon Formation Director for the Diocese of Phoenix and I held that position until 2010 when I relocated to Albuquerque. My roles in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe have included Directing the Formation for Christian Service Office and the Ministry Resource Center until December of 2020 when those offices were closed due to the bankruptcy. I was appointed the Director of Deacon Formation for the Archdiocese in 2019, when Father Tim Martinez stepped down from that position.

My wife, Celeste, and I have four adult children (three of whom live in the Albuquerque area) and seven grandchildren. We also own a small business (*ChocGlitz & Cream*) which Celeste manages.

We both love it here in New Mexico. This is our home as I was incardinated into the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in 2014.

As we all know, the pandemic, coupled with the bankruptcy, has crippled our efforts to maintain and build our deacon community. It is obviously a time for rebuilding. To that end, I would propose a couple of things.

First of all, it would be helpful for us to come together — perhaps beginning at the deanery level before we try a large scale convocation. I would like to know what your concerns for the deacon community are and how we can work together to address those needs.

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Working together is a very important element in my understanding of what it means to be a deacon. We are all called to serve the Archbishop of Santa Fe, and, though we accomplish this in varied ways, our goal remains the same — to build the Church in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. To that end, I see the Office of the Diaconate as your office — a place where we can work together to accomplish our mission. This has been the history of the office and I hope to continue that.

One of the first steps in this regard will involve a renewed focus on the Deacon Council. I look forward to working closely with Deacon Mark Marquez (your Council Chair), Deacon Earnest Chavez (co-chair) and Darlene Chavez (secretary) as well as the other members of the Council.

It also means the creation of some teams to work on deacon personal issues, retreats, convocations, *El Diácono*, and any other services that this office provides.

Finally, in my role as Deacon Formation Director, I hope to continue the growth of our programs. With God's blessing, we will ordain 36 men for service to the Archdiocese this June. We have another fifteen candidates who hope to be ordained in 2025. This past weekend I met with a group of inquirers — we have over 20 men currently in the process of applying for entry into Aspirancy.

I am grateful for all of you who have stepped up to assist in the formation of our deacons as instructors and mentors. Special thanks goes to our formation team: Father Chris Hallada (Associate Director for Spiritual Formation), Deacon Michael Wesley (Associate Director for Deacon Mentors and Assessments) and Deacon Tony Rivera (Associate Director for Supervised Field experiences).

I also want to thank Deacon Andy Carrillo and his wife Belinda for their friendship and support.

On the Monday after Thanksgiving, I told Father Glenn Jones, Vicar of Clergy, that I would gladly accept the responsibility of serving as the Director of the Office of Deacons while continuing in my role as the Director of Deacon Formation. May God give me the grace to serve you well.

**"The way to build a church is not to pay for it, certainly not with somebody else's money. The way to build a church is not even to pay for it with your own money. The way to build a church is to build it."
— G.K. Chesterton, St. Francis of Assisi**



Be Imitators of Me (1 Cor. 11:1)

By Deacon Michael Wesley

In responding to his call to mentorship St. Paul encouraged the Corinthians: “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1.) These should be the unspoken words of every deacon to the community God has called them to. But this is especially true for those working in formation. Through monthly meetings, teaching, prayer, and discussion a deacon couple imparts their gift of mentoring to those desiring to be mentors as well. Their ministry is to pass the light of Jesus’s presence on to those who will one day be sharing their light with others.

As a mentor couple Kathy and I initially felt unworthy to be in this position. We were nervous about taking this ministry on because we didn’t think we had much to offer. But as the old maxim goes, God doesn’t want our ability as much as our availability. So, we took the ministry on hoping the Holy Spirit would fill in any gaps that we were leaving out. God has not disappointed us. In the 3 years that we have been involved with our group I think we have grown more than our mentees have. Sharing what God has given to us, and learning from the mentees has brought us a great sense of joy.

In speaking of their own experience Deacon Larry Carmony and his wife Corrine said, “It’s refreshing to experience the enthusiasm of the deacon aspirants and candidates and to see what they are learning and experiencing. Sharing our experiences as a group helps us all grow.”

Deacon David Little said, “As a mentor I have had the opportunity to dig deeper in the faith, learn more of the Catholic church and its call to the great Commission. You can’t help but to grow and mature as you help others do the same in their lives.”

When Deacon Juan Rodriguez first heard about the Mentor program, he felt that there would be no greater honor than to minister to those who were going to replace us. He said, “We have to share our experience of being deacons. Somebody needs to replace me. We need to train those who will be in the vineyard of the Lord.”

Deacon Marcus Montano said that he and his wife, Yvette receive a sense of renewal in serving God’s church and his people. For them it is “a reminder that with open

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minds and hearts we can always learn from each other.” They said, “We are always thankful for the blessing that Our Lord gave to us when we went through our formation. Serving as Mentors is just a little way that we can give to others.”

When Deacon Dan Kennedy was asked what he valued most from being a mentor he said, it “is the relationships that have developed over the past few years, with both the candidates and their wives. We have become friends. His wife Jan added, “I truly appreciate having this particular group of people to experience and share our mutual faith journey.”

Deacon Chris he and his wife, Dolores Gilbert have said that they have been “so blessed to help the deacon candidates in their formation. Chris further went on to say, “I don’t know who has benefitted more, the candidates or us. Personally, I have learned how to become a better deacon.”

These responses are only a few of the 16 couples that are now serving as mentors in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. From personal conversations that I have had with the others I am confident their responses would be equally as positive. My purpose here was to give an overall view of the mentor couples currently ministering in the program.

But what does a mentor couple do? A basic idea of what a mentor couple does, as described by the *Basic Norms for the Formation of Permanent Deacons*, is to be “the direct companion of each aspirant and of each candidate. He is charged with closely following the formation of each one, offering his support and advice for the resolution of any problems which may arise and for helping to make personal the various moments of formation. He is also called to collaborate with the director of formation in the programming of the different formational activities and in the preparation of the judgement of suitability to be presented to the bishop” #22.

This is initially accomplished with the monthly meetings. The aspirants/candidate will meet together to pray and discuss topics dealing with diaconal formation, the diaconate in general, spirituality, relationships and a wide variety of other topics that might come up. If a new mentor couple is concerned about topics to cover, a list of topics can be provided to help them get started. Quite often, though, the mentees will bring their own concerns to the floor.

A general mentor meeting will include prayer, a teaching, discussion, and fellowship. After the group has met for a while, the mentees will take on more of the responsibility

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for leading the meeting. I have been with my group for over three years now and sometimes I feel like all I do is just show up. It has been a great blessing to see how they have grown from when we first met to where they are now. Some groups will meet even if the mentor couple can't attend. This usually isn't the case, but it can be done with a maturing group.

There is a requirement for everyone in formation from inquiry through ordination to be in a mentor group. This will help both the mentee and the formation team to discern God's call for them in the diaconate. In addition to the Inquirer being required to attend the monthly meetings, his wife, if he is married, is also required to attend. In *the National Directory for the Formation, Ministry and Life of Permanent Deacons in the United States*, the U.S. bishops state that "The wife of a deacon should be included with her husband, when appropriate, in diocesan clergy and parochial gatherings," #68. This habit of meeting together needs to be developed at the very beginning of formation. Instead of formation and the diaconate being a cause of division it should unite the couple closer together.

It is for this reason that a married couple serve as the mentors of a group. Since most of the deacons will be married, a deacon's wife is needed to answer questions and provide assistance for the spouses of those in formation. In other words, it is a requirement that each group is led by a Mentor couple. There are exceptions but this is the general rule.

Additional deacon mentors are always needed, and this is especially true as new inquirers are entering into formation. If you would like more information about being a mentor couple, please send me an email at diakonia@live.com. The deacon community needs deacon couples to share their light with those in formation. It is a blessing to serve in this way and is an affirmation of Acts 20:35: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."





What is a Parish Life Coordinator?

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe, like many dioceses across the country, is facing a steep decline in the number of clergy — especially Priests. Over the next several years we can expect a shortage of pastors to lead our parishes.

One way of dealing with this is to appoint deacons as lay ecclesial ministers to serve as administrators at parishes. These are known as Parish Life coordinators or PLCs. The function of a PLC is to handle the pastoral and financial administration of the parish, even providing some sacramental service to parishioners. Priests would be recruited to provide Sunday Mass and to hear confessions, but there would not be a pastor assigned to provide these services.

The PLC handles religious education, pastoral ministries, RCIA, etc. So this is a very important role. The Archdiocese has utilized PLCs for many years but not to a great extent.

To prepare for the eventual growth in the number PLCs, the Diaconate Office has been asked to develop a formation program. The National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM) in conjunction with the USCCB subcommittee on certification, has developed National Standards for forming those serving in ministry, including PLC's. You can see the standards by going to the following address: <https://www.nalm.org/page/StandardsFormation>.

If you are interested in helping to guide the development of PLC's for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, please contact Deacon Keith Davis: kdavis@archdiosf.org





FOR LENT FOR LIFE

February 8, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

God calls each of us to a loving relationship with him. During Lent, we focus in an intentional way on turning away from sin and toward God to grow in this love. The Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us do this. CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith-in-action program—invites us to practice these pillars while reflecting on the needs of our sisters and brothers and how we can respond in love to support them.

This year, journey with CRS to Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya to learn about the root causes of hunger and how families—with the support of faith communities like yours—are making sure they have nutritious food to thrive. Through stories, videos and lesson plans, your community will learn about our Gospel call to care for our common home so we can respond to global issues such as hunger and malnutrition and push back on climate change.

CRS Rice Bowl provides resources to bring Lenten spirituality to life for families, parishes and school communities while continuing to connect Catholics in our Archdiocese with our global human family. I encourage you to order a CRS Rice Bowl poster to display in your communal space and enough Rice Bowls with Lenten calendars for each family in your community. These **free** materials are available in English and Spanish. **Contact the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, 505-831-8205 or mgarcia@archdiosf.org, to order your materials.** You may also visit crsricebowl.org or crsplatodearroz.org to find additional resources, including:

- Devotions, like the Stations of the Cross, and prayers.
- Lesson plans, videos and activity sheets for Catholic school teachers and religious educators.
- Ideas for in-person or virtual community gatherings and simple Lenten meal events.

Remember that 25% of what the Archdiocese raises goes directly to local organizations that serve those who are hungry or homeless through the Rice Bowl local grant program. See enclosed **"Where Does Our Lenten Rice Bowl Money Go?"**

One more item that might help is the enclosed **CRS Rice Bowl and the CRS Collection** to clarify the difference between these two Lenten efforts.

Thank you for inviting families in your faith community to join us on an enriched season through CRS Rice Bowl. Together, we can respond to Christ's call to help those in need and ensure everyone reaches his or her God-given potential.

Yours in Christ,

+ *John C. Wester*

Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe

Encl: CRS Rice Bowl and CRS Collection, Where Does Our Lenten Rice Bowl Money Go?



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The CRS Collection and CRS Rice Bowl

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has established two opportunities during the season of Lent for Catholics in the U.S. to participate in the Church's global mission to serve the poor.

	CRS Collection	CRS Rice Bowl
What is it?	One of twelve national collections managed by USCCB	CRS' Lenten faith-formation program
Tell me about it.	The CRS Collection is 1 of the 12 national collections established by the bishops of the United States so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out the global mission of the Church. It offers Catholics a convenient opportunity to help more than 100 million people at home and abroad through a charitable contribution during Mass.	Every Lent, Catholics in the United States do something amazing. Their prayers, fasting and almsgiving become lifesaving aid for millions of individuals living in conditions of poverty around the world. The hungry are fed; the thirsty are given drink; the homeless find shelter. And this has been going on for more than 40 years. That's the impact of CRS Rice Bowl. That's how what you give up for Lent can change lives.
When does it happen?	The CRS Collection is taken up in most dioceses on Laetare (or "Rejoice") Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2023.	As a tool for your Lenten journey, it encompasses the entire liturgical season, beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023 and concluding on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.
Who benefits?	The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic organizations (Catholic Relief Services; USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc.; USCCB's Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church; and the Holy Father's Relief Fund) that advance the international social ministry of the Church.	CRS Rice Bowl contributions support projects that assist those in need both overseas and here in the United States. Seventy-five percent of CRS Rice Bowl contributions are sent to Catholic Relief Services and help fund development projects overseas that help increase and maintain communities' access to food. Twenty-five percent of the contributions fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
Where do I send my contribution?*	Send CRS Collection contributions to your parish with a memo "CRS Collection" and then the parish will count it and send a single check marked "CRS Collection" to: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Finance Office.	Families send CRS Rice Bowl contributions to your parish with a memo clearly marked "CRS RICE BOWL" and then the parish will count it and send a single check marked "Rice Bowl" to: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Finance Office. People can also "empty" their Rice Bowl online at: https://archdiocesessantafegiving.org/virtual-crs-rice-bowl .

*If you have any questions contact Anne Avellone, Director, Archdiocese of Santa Fe Social Justice and Respect Life Office and CRS Diocesan Director, 505-831-8167 or aavellone@archdiosf.org.



Wondering how to empty your Rice Bowl?

Don't worry that you cannot return your CRS Rice Bowl to your parish or school.

We have more ways you can give!

Through CRS Rice Bowl, our Catholic community in the United States does something amazing each Lent. We come together to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving—and by doing so we help lift families and communities out of poverty. Rice Bowl helps us to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need.

GIVE your 2023 Lenten Rice Bowl Contribution online here:

<https://archdiocesasantafegiving.org/virtual-crs-rice-bowl>

MAIL your 2023 Lenten Rice Bowl Contribution to:

Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Social Justice and Respect Life
4000 St. Joseph's Pl. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Make the check to:
Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Put "CRS Rice Bowl"
in the memo line.

Where Does Our Lenten Rice Bowl Money Go?

100% of CRS Rice Bowl contributions support projects for the poor both overseas and here in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. 25% of the contributions fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs in dioceses across the United States.

From the Rice Bowl money collected from 75 parishes, schools, and other organizations during Lent 2022, \$15,474.13 went to 13 local organizations that work to alleviate hunger and homelessness in our Archdiocese: [Where Does Our Lenten Rice Bowl Money Go?](#)

[Click here](#) to watch a Thank You Video from CRS Rice Bowl.

For more information about CRS Rice Bowl: www.csricebowl.org



The Archdiocese of Santa Fe entered into Chapter 11 Reorganization during the first week of December, 2018. The utmost concern is for the victims of abuse. Our prayers are with them. The CRS Rice Bowl is NOT part of the Chapter 11 filing. 100% of your donations go to people in need in our Archdiocese and across the globe where CRS works. Christ's loving work must endure through this. Thank you for continuing to support these efforts.



CRS PLATO de ARROZ

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



¡Te preguntas dónde entregar tu Plato de Arroz?!

No te preocupes por no poder devolver tu cajita del Plato de Arroz de CRS a tu parroquia o escuela.

¡Tenemos más maneras en las que puedes contribuir!

A través del Plato de Arroz de CRS, nuestra comunidad católica en los Estados Unidos hace algo sorprendente cada Cuaresma. Nos reunimos para practicar la oración, el ayuno y la limosna, y al hacerlo ayudamos a que las familias y las comunidades salgan de la pobreza. El Plato de Arroz nos ayuda a ser solidarios con nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados.

Puedes CONTRIBUIR al Plato de Arroz de la Cuaresma 2023 en línea:

<https://archdiocesasantafegiving.org/virtual-crs-rice-bowl>

Envía tu contribución al Plato de Arroz de la Cuaresma 2023 por CORREO:

Archdiocese of Santa Fe
Social Justice and Respect Life
4000 St. Joseph Pl. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87120

Haz el cheque a nombre de:
Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
Escribe "CRS Rice Bowl"
en la línea del memo.

¿A dónde se va el dinero de nuestro Plato de Arroz de la Cuaresma?

El 100% de las contribuciones del Plato de Arroz de Cuaresma apoyan proyectos para los pobres en el extranjero y aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Santa Fe. El 25% de las contribuciones financian programas locales de alivio de la pobreza y el hambre en las diócesis de los Estados Unidos. Del dinero recaudado a través del Plato de Arroz en 75 parroquias, escuelas y otras organizaciones durante la Cuaresma del 2022, \$15,474.13 se destinaron a 13 organizaciones locales que trabajan para aliviar el hambre y la falta de un techo en nuestra Arquidiócesis. [¿A dónde se va el dinero de nuestro Plato de Arroz de la Cuaresma?](#)

Para encontrar más información sobre el Plato de Arroz de CRS en español visite:

<https://www.crsricebowl.org/es/>

Vea el video de agradecimiento:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6T7D6JpOFw>



La Arquidiócesis de Santa Fe se amparó bajo el Capítulo 11 del Código de Bancarrota -Reorganización- durante la primera semana de diciembre del 2018. La mayor preocupación es por las víctimas de abuso. Nuestras oraciones están con ellas. El Plato de Arroz de CRS NO es parte del amparo bajo el Capítulo 11. El 100% de sus donaciones van a las personas necesitadas en nuestra Arquidiócesis y en todo el mundo donde CRS trabaja. El trabajo amoroso de Cristo debe perdurar a través de esto. Gracias por seguir apoyando estos esfuerzos.



Where Does Our Lenten Rice Bowl Money Go?

Anne Avellone, Director, Office of Social Justice and Respect Life

CRS Rice Bowl is the official Lenten faith formation program of the U.S. Bishops. It focuses on fasting, praying, learning and giving as a way to be in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in need. CRS Rice Bowl contributions support projects for the poor *both* overseas *and* here in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. 25% of the contributions fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs in dioceses across the United States.

From the Rice Bowl money collected from 75 parishes, schools, and other organizations during Lent 2022, \$15,474.13 went to the following 13 local organizations that work to alleviate hunger and homelessness in our Archdiocese:

1. **St. John the Baptist Lunch Kitchen—Santa Fe** operates three days a week. They served about 6,000 meals over the last 12 months. It is operated by volunteers and supported by the parish's stewardship. They are a distribution point for food commodities to those in need.
2. **Villa Therese Catholic Clinic—Santa Fe** provides free services to the most vulnerable populations: the undocumented, immigrant, and homeless families. The Blessing Bag and MoGro Program helps to reconnect with their patients as well as seek out additional families who may need support from the clinic. Each bag contains toiletries, masks and produce from local farms. The clinic is supported by the Catholic parishes and schools in Santa Fe.
3. **Socorro Storehouse—Socorro** provides food bags for the homeless that contain ready to eat foods that do not require cooking or refrigeration. Each bag contains 3 to 4 ready to eat meals, emergency essential needs, toiletries, household goods, and cleaning supplies. Originally created by San Miguel in 2002 as an outreach, today the Storehouse is independent of San Miguel Mission, however, still receives significant support from the parish.
4. **Puerto Seguro—Socorro** provides meals and ready to eat foods that are accessible to people who live outside. This past year over 700 people have been helped. San Miguel Parish supports Puerto Seguro with volunteer support, financial assistance, and spiritual support.
5. **St. Elizabeth Shelter, Good Samaritan Fund—Santa Fe** makes small disbursements, to help homeless individuals overcome obstacles to their making progress to improve the quality of their lives. St. Elizabeth has assisted more than 1,200 people last year. Local parishes in Santa Fe help with financial support, food, and donations.
6. **Magdalena Samaritan House—Magdalena** provides weekly food bags with balanced nutrition to approximately 60 families/individuals who need assistance. Magdalena Samaritan House receives financial help from San Miguel Catholic Church.
7. **St. Teresa of Calcutta Soup and Blessing—Our Lady of Belen Parish** has served about 150-175 meals a week since July 2022 with both sit down and "take-out" meals. The numbers of those being served have risen steadily and consistently since the time the soup kitchen opened. It is supported by parish donations and community donors.
8. **Our Lady of Guadalupe, Food Pantry—Taos** supports local families of the community who are in need of food. The food pantry is a ministry at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish.
9. **St. Felix Pantry—Rio Rancho** feeds those in need. In the last calendar year, 50,000 individuals have been served. St. Felix Pantry receives financial support and food donations from several local parishes.
10. **St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Family—Albuquerque** helps provide a nutrient balanced diet to the hungry in the area. In fiscal year 2022, over 825 food boxes were distributed to hungry families in Albuquerque's south valley.
11. **The Food Depot—Santa Fe** is charged with providing accessible hunger-relief services to a diverse range of people experiencing food insecurity across nine counties in northern New Mexico. It partners with 10 parishes throughout the area including parishes in Española, Mora, Raton, Taos, Santa Fe, Okay Owingeh, and Las Vegas.
12. **St. Patrick-St. Joseph—Raton** provides nutritional meals and food staples for parishioners, Raton residents, and the homeless and transient population seeking help.
13. **St. Vincent de Paul, St. Helen—Portales** helps those in need at the parish and in the community with food, clothing and utilities.



If you know organizations that qualify for a Rice Bowl grant, or want to apply, contact my office for an application. Applications are due in Office of Social Justice and Respect Life by November 1 each year. Organizations must be working to alleviate hunger or homelessness within the boundaries of the Archdiocese, be a non-profit and be connected to, supported by or collaborating with a Catholic parish, school or Archdiocesan entity. Contact the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, 505-831-8205 or avellone@archdiosf.org for an application.



¿A dónde va el dinero del Plato de Arroz de Cuaresma?

Anne Avellone, Directora de la Oficina de Justicia Social y Respeto a la Vida

Plato de Arroz de CRS es el programa oficial de formación en la fe de Cuaresma de los obispos de los Estados Unidos. Se centra en ayunar, orar, aprender y dar como una forma de ser solidarios con nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados. Las contribuciones de Plato de Arroz de CRS apoyan proyectos tanto para los pobres en el extranjero como aquí en la Arquidiócesis de Santa Fe. El 25% de las contribuciones financian programas locales de alivio de la pobreza y el hambre en las diócesis de los Estados Unidos.

El dinero del Plato de Arroz recaudado de 75 parroquias, escuelas y otras organizaciones durante la Cuaresma 2022, \$ 15,474 se destinó a las siguientes 13 organizaciones locales que trabajan para aliviar el hambre y la falta de vivienda en nuestra Arquidiócesis:

1. **St. John the Baptist Lunch Kitchen**—Santa Fe opera tres días a la semana. Sirvieron alrededor de 6,000 comidas en los últimos 12 meses. Es operado por voluntarios y apoyado por la mayordomía de la parroquia. Son un punto de distribución de productos alimenticios a los necesitados.
2. **Villa Therese Catholic Clinic**—Santa Fe ofrece servicios gratuitos a las poblaciones más vulnerables: las familias indocumentadas, inmigrantes y sin hogar. El Programa *Blessing Bag* y *MoGro* ayuda a reconectarse con sus pacientes, así como a buscar familias adicionales que puedan necesitar apoyo de la clínica. Cada bolsa contiene artículos de tocador, máscaras y productos de granjas locales. La clínica es apoyada por las parroquias y escuelas católicas en Santa Fe.
3. **Socorro Storehouse**—Socorro proporciona bolsas de alimentos para las personas sin hogar que contienen alimentos listos para comerse que no requieren cocción ni refrigeración. Cada bolsa contiene de 3 a 4 comidas listas para comerse, necesidades esenciales de emergencia, artículos de tocador, artículos para el hogar y artículos de limpieza. Originalmente creado por la misión San Miguel en 2002, hoy en día el Almacén es independiente de la Misión San Miguel, sin embargo, todavía recibe un apoyo significativo de la parroquia.
4. **Puerto Seguro**—Socorro proporciona comidas y alimentos listos para comerse que son accesibles para las personas que viven en las calles. El año pasado más de 700 personas recibieron ayuda. La parroquia de San Miguel apoya a Puerto Seguro con apoyo voluntario, asistencia financiera y apoyo espiritual.
5. **St. Elizabeth Shelter, Good Samaritan Fund**—Santa Fe ofrece pequeños desembolsos para ayudar a las personas sin hogar a superar los obstáculos para su progreso para mejorar la calidad de sus vidas. St. Elizabeth ha ayudado a más de 1,200 personas el año pasado. Las parroquias locales en Santa Fe ayudan con apoyo financiero, alimentos y donaciones.
6. **Magdalena Samaritan House**—Magdalena proporciona bolsas de alimentos semanales con nutrición equilibrada a aproximadamente 60 familias / individuos que necesitan ayuda. La Casa Samaritana recibe ayuda financiera de la Iglesia Católica San Miguel.
7. **Santa Teresa de Calcuta Sopa y Bendición**—La Parroquia *Our Lady of Belén* ha servido alrededor de 150-175 comidas a la semana desde julio de 2022 con comidas para sentarse y "para llevar". El número de personas que reciben servicios ha aumentado de manera constante desde el momento en que abrió el comedor de beneficencia. Es apoyado por donaciones parroquiales y donantes comunitarios.
8. **Our Lady of Guadalupe, Food Pantry**—Taos apoya a las familias locales de la comunidad que necesitan alimentos. La despensa de alimentos es un ministerio en la parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe.
9. **St. Félix Pantry**—Rio Rancho alimenta a los necesitados. En el último año, 50,000 personas han sido atendidas. St. Felix Pantry recibe apoyo financiero y donaciones de alimentos de varias parroquias locales.
10. **St. Vicent de Paúl, Holy Family**—Albuquerque ayuda a proporcionar una dieta equilibrada en nutrientes a los hambrientos de la zona. En el año fiscal 2022, se distribuyeron más de 825 cajas de alimentos a familias hambrientas en el valle del sur de Albuquerque.
11. **The Food Depot**—Santa Fe se encarga de proporcionar servicios asequibles de alivio del hambre a una amplia gama de personas que experimentan inseguridad alimentaria en nueve condados del norte de Nuevo México. Se asocia con 10 parroquias en toda el área, incluidas las parroquias de Española, Mora, Ratón, Taos, Santa Fe, Okay Owingeh y Las Vegas.
12. **St. Patrick-St. Joseph**—Ratón proporciona comidas nutritivas y alimentos básicos para feligreses, residentes de Ratón y la población sin hogar y transitoria que busca ayuda.
13. **St. Vicente de Paúl, Santa Elena**—Portales ayuda a los necesitados en la parroquia y en la comunidad con alimentos, ropa y servicios públicos.

Si conoce organizaciones que califican para una subvención del Plato de Arroz, o desea solicitar una, póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina para obtener una solicitud. Las solicitudes deben presentarse en la Oficina de Justicia Social y Respeto a la Vida antes del 1 de noviembre de cada año. Las organizaciones deben trabajar para aliviar el hambre o la falta de vivienda dentro de los límites de la Arquidiócesis, ser una organización sin fines de lucro y estar conectada, apoyada o colaborar con una parroquia católica, escuela o entidad arquidiocesana. Póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Justicia Social y Respeto a la Vida, 505-831-8205 o aavellone@archdiosf.org para obtener una solicitud.





Candidacy III



Rogelio Anaya	Charles J. Metzler
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John R. Chavez	Brian Mora
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Lloyd M. Garley	Gabriel J. Romero
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Louis E. Herrera	Jeffrey L. Schaff
Philip Kahle	Donald L. Serrano
Javier Madrid	Joey Silva
Christopher Martinez	Stanley A. Sluder
Donald W. Martinez	Robert Tarin
Claren Martinez	Dominic B. Valencia
Patrick Martinez	Donald C. Yardman





June 3rd, 2023, Rite of Ordination for Deacons
 10:00 AM Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe, New Mexico



NAME	CHURCH
Rogelio Anaya	Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, ABQ
Martin Chairez	San Martin, ABQ
Leroy Chavez	St. Joseph on the Rio Grande, ABQ
Bernard Ela	St Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho
Douglas Feery	St John XXIII, ABQ
Lloyd Garley	Prince of Peace, ABQ
Andrew Hadcock	St Jude Thaddeus, ABQ
Louis Herrera	Prince of Peace, ABQ
Philip Kahle	St. Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho
Charles Metzler, Jr	St. Jude Thaddeus, ABQ
Brian Mora	St. Bernadette, ABQ
Eugene Padilla	Church of the Ascension, ABQ
Angel Rivera	Prince of Peace, ABQ
Dan Sanchez	San Felipe de Neri, ABQ
Jeffrey Schaff	St. Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho
Stanley Sluder	Our Lady of the Annunciation, ABQ
Robert Tarin	St Jude Thaddeus, ABQ
Dominic Valencia	St. Jude Thaddeus, ABQ



June 10th, 2023, Rite of Ordination for Deacons

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James Dinkel	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Los Alamos
Joh Fischer	San Isidro, Santa Fe
Javier Madrid	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Clovis
Christopher Martinez	Our Lady of Belen, Belen
Claren Martinez	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Taos
Donald Martinez	St John the Baptist, Santa Fe
Patrick Martinez	San Antonio, Penasco
Clarence Montoya	St. Gertrude, Mora
Dennis Montoya	Sacred Heart, Espanola
Eric Nelson	Sacred Heart, Clovis
Gabriel Pacheco	St. Anthony, Pecos
Gabriel Romero	Holy Cross, Santa Cruz
Ricardo Romero	Sacred Heart, Espanola
Donald Serrano	St John the Baptist, Santa Fe
Joey Silva	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Taos
Donald Yardman	Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pojoaque



Candidacy I



Ron Baca	Francisco Martinez
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Tyler Cole	Rudy Rael
Steven Garcia	Francisco Rodriguez
Jerry Griego	Juan (Buck) Sanchez
Bryan Huffaker	Guadalupe Sosa
Ricardo Maestas	Arthur Trujillo
Anthony Martinez	



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Diaconate Information

Director of Deacon Formation: Deacon Keith Davis

Class of 2023

Current Class size: 36
To be Ordained June 3/10, 2023



Class of 2025

Current Class size: 15
Ordination in 2025

Deacon Inservice & Retreat

In-Service:
TBD:
In Planning Stage



Retreat:
TBD:
In Planning Stage

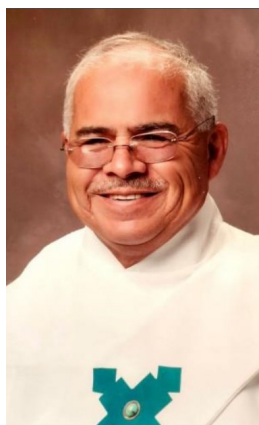
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Deanery C:	Deacon Leon Jones
NE Deanery:	Deacon Reyes Sanchez
NW Deanery:	Deacon Chris Gilbert
SE Deanery:	Vacant
SW Deanery:	Deacon Nicolas Keller





Rest in Peace



Deacon Juan Andy Dímas passed away on January 19, 2023 at the age of 77. He was Ordained on July 12th, 2003 and served at St Anne Parish in Santa Fe.

*In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brother Andy.
In this life you embraced him with your
tender love;
deliver him now from every evil
and bid him eternal rest.*

*The old order has passed away:
welcome him into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping
or pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit
forever and ever.*

R/. Amen.



The Deacon's Corner



A proud Lion spots a chimp and roars, “Who is the king of the Jungle?”

“You are, mighty lion!” says the trembling Chimp.

Next, the lion stops a zebra: “Who is the king of the Jungle?”

“Y-y-you are!” stammers the zebra.

Feeling cocky, the lion swaggers up to an elephant and demands, “Who is the king of the Jungle?”

The unfazed elephant snatches up the lion with its trunk, slams him against a tree a dozen time, and then stomps off. The dazed lion shouts, “Just because you don’t know the answer doesn’t mean you have to get nasty about it.”

(Joe Sebastian, Wilkes-Barre, PA)



Deacons: Update your contact information. If your personal contact information has changed, please inform the Diaconate Office. This helps facilitate communication between you and the Diaconate Community and the Archdiocese. Phone 505-831-8246 or email the Diaconate Secretary at ylovato@archdiosf.org

NOTE

Keep in mind if there is any information you would like to include in the El Diácono Newsletter that would be of interest to the Deacon Community, i.e., special events, accomplishments, ministry work, etc., please inform the Diaconate Office and we will be happy to announce it. With the publication of this newsletter, we will be especially looking for events in the April through June 2023 time frame.



CHRISM MASS

**Thursday, March 30, at 6pm
at the Cathedral. Deacons
will not vest but there will
be reserved seating for dea-
cons and their wives.**



Have a warm and Blessed Spring — and know that God is always with you!



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