



El Diácono



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A Newsletter for the Deacons of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Issue 54E

YET HE HAS NOT LEFT HIMSELF WITHOUT TESTIMONY:



He has shown **kindness**

by **giving** you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons;

he provides you with plenty of food and

fills your hearts

with joy.

Acts 14:17, NIV



Do the words “Summer” and “Ministry” go together? When we think of summertime, we more often think of less time spent in ministerial pursuits! But some of my most meaningful ministerial encounters have happened during the summer. Perhaps that’s because much of my ministry was spent

working with youth – and that’s when they are available for outreach and special events like conferences and camping.

As Deacon’s, of course, we don’t have an on/off switch when it comes to ministry. We are available 24/7. And, even though things sort of slow down for us, we are always deacons and ready to serve as needed.

But, we do need to take time to recharge our batteries, and perhaps the summertime is the most opportune for that. Besides, our wives and families need us to be husbands and dads (and granddads) - that’s our first ministry.

I hope that you enjoy this latest issue of *El Diácono*. We’ve added a few new features for your edification and growth, including some recommendations for summer reading.

Of course, the office will still be working and available to assist you in your needs. And the Retreat Planning Committee will be working over the summer getting things ready for our annual gathering this September.

Our hope is to form a new deacon formation cohort beginning with some preliminary meetings this Fall. Aspirancy will begin, God willing, in the fall of 2027 with an anticipated ordination in 2032. If you have someone in mind who would make a good candidate, please send him our way.

Have a great summer! And we’ll see you in September.

Peace,

Den. Keith Davis

Director, Office of Deacons



THE 2026 DEACON COMMUNITY RETREAT

“Servants of Mercy”

SEPTEMBER 18-20

Sheraton Airport Hotel

Albuquerque

Retreat Master: **Dcn. Scott Dodge**, Director of the Office of Deacons for the Diocese of Salt Lake City

Registration Closes August 14

To register, [CLICK HERE.](#)



Retreat Schedule

Friday, September 18

3:00 - 5:00 pm Registration
 5:30 - 6:30 pm Dinner (Grilled Salmon)
 6:45 pm Welcome
 7:00 - 8:30 pm Evening Prayer—Memorial of Deceased Deacons and Wives

Saturday, September 19

7:45 am Morning Prayer
 8:15 am Breakfast Buffet
 9:15 am First Talk
 10:15 am Break
 10:45 am Second Talk
 11:45 am Break
 12:00 pm Lunch (Beef Enchiladas)
 1:00 - 3:30 pm Rest in the Lord/Prayer/Adoration/Rosary (on your own)
 Optional Communal Penance Service & Confessions

3:30 pm

4:30 pm

5:00 pm

6:30 pm

8:00 pm

Third Talk

Break

Evening Prayer with Mass

Dinner (Plated Basil

Champagne Chicken)

(Business Meeting)

Social

Sunday, September 20

8:15 am

9:15 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

Breakfast Buffet

Morning Prayer

Concluding Talk

Sending Forth Ceremony

(Note: This schedule is subject to change. The final schedule will be posted at the retreat).

(Vegetarian meals will be available with advance notice).



Leaves of Absence



When A deacon finds it necessary to take a leave of absence from active ministry, he must, after informing the appropriate authority at his parish/institution of assignment, submit a written request to the Director of the Office of Deacons. The request is to include the period of time for which the leave is requested, and a statement indicating the reason for requesting such leave. The Director of the Office of Deacons will forward the request with his recommendation for approval or disapproval to the Archbishop (via the Vicar for Clergy) for action.

During a Leave of Absence If the deacon is granted a leave of absence the following conditions apply, except as modified in writing by the Archbishop:

- a) The deacon does not enjoy the faculties to baptize, to witness marriages, to preach, or to function as an ordinary minister of the Eucharist.
- b) The deacon may not participate in any liturgical function or in any official diaconal ministry during his leave of absence.
- c) The deacon may attend and participate in all scheduled gatherings of his deanery and the entire deacon community.
- d) The Archdiocesan Directory will indicate that the deacon is on a leave of absence.
- e) The deacon may request that he remain on the various Archdiocesan mailing lists to receive correspondence and communications pertaining to the entire diaconal community.

Before the end of an approved leave of absence the deacon must submit a written request for reinstatement to active ministry. This request is to be sent to the Director of the Office of Deacons who will forward it with his recommendation for approval or disapproval to the Archbishop (via the Vicar for Clergy) for action. The request should indicate the parish or institution to which the deacon would like to be canonically assigned if his request for reinstatement is accepted. If the deacon seeks an assignment other than the one he held before his taking leave, his request must be accompanied by letters from both the pastor/supervisor of his previously assigned parish/institution and the pastor/supervisor of the parish/institution to which he seeks assignment. Each of these letters must recommend that the Archbishop approve the deacon's request to return to active ministry.

(From the Deacon Manual, Chapter 9, Section C)

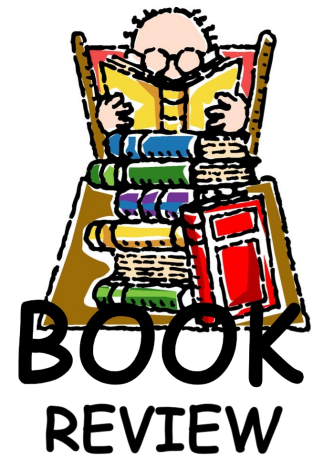


Developing Diaconal Theology: A Study of the Diaconate and Actions in the Person of Christ the Head.

By Raymond K. Vann, Th.D.
Servi Publishing, Lufton, TX (2026)

Who (or what) is a deacon? The Dr. Vann presents a dilemma regarding the identity of the deacon. Noting the lack of uniformity when it comes to deacon attire (some dioceses require deacons to wear “clerical attire,” while other forbid it or allow it only under certain circumstances), as well as the fact that permanent deacons use the title “deacon” when being addressed and transitional deacons use the title “reverend mister, he maintains that, despite over 50 years since the renewal of the permanent diaconate, we are still trying to figure things out.

This book, based on the author’s dissertation, further reveals that there is no common understanding of the role of the deacon when he acts in the name of Christ. Does he serve “n “persona Christi Servi,” in “persona Christi Corpus,” or in “persona Christi Capitis?” That is, in the person of Christ the Servant, Christ’s body, or Christ’s head? His thesis is that, by virtue of baptism, all Christians (lay and ordained) represent Christ the Servant when they perform charitable works. The laity perform acts in persona Christi Corpus when they administer sacraments and the ordained perform acts in persona Christi Capitis when they administer sacraments. This latter includes Bishops, priests AND deacons in diminishing order (Bishops have the fullness of Christ the head due to the nature of their sacramental activity, priests a bit less, and deacons the least of all). For example, deacons serve in persona Christi Capitis when proclaiming the Gospel, administering baptism, giving a blessing, etc. Laity, when they administer a sacrament, do so in persona Christi Corpus.



Vann also demonstrates that the diaconate was instituted by Christ at the Last Supper. This is found in the thirteenth chapter of St. John’s Gospel.

This is an interesting read and timely as the theology of the permanent diaconate continues to mature.

Dcn. Keith Davis



Deacon Formation

We Need More Deacons!

If you know of a man who you think would make a good deacon, feel free to discuss this with him and have him contact the Deacon Office. Better yet, he can fill out an information form at this link: <https://form.jotform.com/kdavis5430/inquirercontact>



This new endowment through the Catholic Foundation, will support our deacon formation program.

Your generosity will help to support this important work and enable the formation team to provide better formation.

You can donate online by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Ministry of Reader (Lector)

15 Deacon Candidates will be installed into the Ministry of Reader by Archbishop Wester on **Wednesday, September 9, at 6pm**. The Mass will take place at: St. Elizabeth Seton Mission, Edgewood.

Deacons are welcome to attend.



Upcoming Formation Schedule

- Aug. 7-9 Reader Retreat—Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey.
- Aug. 15 Deacon Inquire Gathering—Deacon Office/Zoom
- Aug. 21-22 Leading a Prayer Service—Dcn. Keith Davis, Pastoral Center
- Sept. 11-12 Communities of Salt and Light – Catholic Charities, ABQ.
- Sept. 25-26 Patristics—Dcn. Keith Davis, Pastoral Center

2028 Cohort 2030 Cohort 2032 Cohort



Copies of this poster are available in both English and Spanish at the Deacon Office. Contact Yolanda if you would like one for your parish.

Post-Ordination Formation

“There are particular matters relevant to the newly ordained. It is important, therefore, that the newly ordained begin their ministry in a positive and supportive manner. A program is to be planned for the first five years of their ministry ...” (National Directory for the Formation and Life of Permanent Deacons in the U.S.)

August 29

9am to 3:30pm

If you were ordained in **2023 or 2025**

to register [CLICK HERE](#)

Workshop Topics include:

- ⇒ **Balancing Ministry with Work and Family**
- ⇒ **Spirituality of Ministry**
- ⇒ **The Identity of the Deacon**
- ⇒ **Ecumenism**
- ⇒ **Artificial Intelligence in Ministry**
- ⇒ **Married to a Deacon: Survival and Support**



Save the date for our next post-ordination formation day:

January 26, 2027



Master of
Theological Studies

St. Norbert College, in cooperation with the Ecumenical Institute for Ministry, offers a professional degree for pastoral ministry for students in New Mexico and neighboring states. The MTS degree grounds students in the Christian tradition as a base from which to address the changing realities of parishes and congregations. Classes are offered (online) Friday evenings and Saturdays for maximum flexibility.

For more information on the St. Norbert MTS Program

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36 courses offered in English and 19 in Spanish. Tuition is only \$50 for these 5-week classes.

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**Virtual
Learning
Community**
For Faith Formation

Upcoming Class Schedule for Cycle 5: July 20-August 23

Registration closes on July 16

Classes are also available in Spanish

Autism in Faith Formation	Old Testament
Basics of Catechist Formation	On Bended Knee
Bereavement Ministry: A Christian Perspective	Pastoral Approach to Culture
Bible Basics	Praying With Children
Catechetical Methodology	Relational Ministry with Youth
Catholic Beliefs	Roman Catholic Catechesis for Faith Formation
Christology	Sacraments
Church History 2	Spirituality in Adult Learning and Faith Formation
Discernment in Practical Morality	Survey of Catholic Doctrine
Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church	The Mass
Images of Jesus	Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life
Images of Mary	This Land is Home to Me: The Cry of Appalachia
Introduction to Liturgy	
Introduction to Prayer	
Introduction to Scripture	
Mary in the Liturgical Life of the Church	
Ministry Leadership in the Church Today	
New Testament	



The Deacons of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe by the Numbers

Total number of deacons in the ASF: 234

Active Deacons: 161

Deacons serving outside of the ASF: 10

Extern deacons serving in the ASF: 10

Active deacons over the age of 70: 69

Average age of active deacons: 68

Age of oldest active deacon: 93

Age of youngest active deacon: 42

Median age of active deacons: 68

Active deacons in SF Deanery: 18

Active deacons in ABQ A Deanery: 34

Active deacons in ABQ B Deanery: 29

Active deacons In ABQ C Deanery: 25

Active deacons in NE Deanery: 12



Active deacons in NW Deanery: 22

Active deacons in SE Deanery: 10

Active deacons in SW Deanery: 13

U.S. Dioceses with the Largest Number of Deacons

2024 Statistics

Chicago:	682	Boston:	304	Charleston:	208
San Antonio:	444	St. Louis:	293	Cincinnati:	207
Galveston-Houston:	421	Philadelphia:	288	New Orleans:	206
Los Angeles:	411	Joliet:	274	Denver:	202
New York:	350	Rockville Center:	266	St. Paul/Minneapolis:	197
		Trenton:	253	Orange (CA):	193
		Austin:	246	Patterson:	191
		Phoenix:	237	Washington (D.C.):	186
		Omaha:	235	Dallas:	183
		Atlanta:	233	Cleveland:	182
		Santa Fe:	220	Milwaukee:	177
		Brooklyn:	215	Baltimore:	175



Roster of Representatives to the Deacon Council

Chair	Dcn. John Cordova (SMDLP, Santa Fe)
Co-chair	Dcn. Michael Illerbrun (Nativity, Albuquerque)
Secretary	Dcn. Jeff Schaff (St. Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho)
Santa Fe Deanery	Dcn. Michael Salazar (San Isidro, Santa Fe)
Albuquerque A Deanery	Dcn. Ed Leyba (St. Thomas Aquinas, Rio Rancho)
Albuquerque B Deanery	Dcn. Lou Hernandez (St. Charles Borromeo, ABQ)
Albuquerque C Deanery	Dcn. Leon Jones (Ascension, ABQ)
Northwest Deanery	Dcn. Alex Valdez (Sacred Heart, Espanola)
Northeast Deanery	Dcn. Chris Torres (Immaculate Conception, Las Vegas)
Southwest Deanery	Dcn. Chris Martinez (Immaculate Conception, Tome)
Southeast Deanery	Dcn. Paul Benoit (St. Helen, Portales)
Newly Ordained Rep	Dcn. Jerry Griego (San Miguel, Socorro)
Senior Deacon Rep	Vacant
Deacon Wives Rep	Melissa Cole (Nativity, ABQ)
Deacon Wives Rep	Esther Cordova (SMDLP, SF)
Deacon Wives Rep	Vacant



Ex-Officio

Archbishop John Wester
Deacon Keith Davis
Kathy O'Neill (Deacon Widows Rep)

Next Meeting: Saturday, September 19th (at the Annual Retreat)

St. Stephen Fund



This fund is established according to the Archdioceses of Santa Fe Deacon Council by-laws and constitution. It is an approved fund for the designated purpose of giving financial assistance to Permanent Deacons and/or their wives. The St. Stephen Fund is intended to be temporary assistance during a time of crisis or when grave financial need has been identified. Assistance from the fund is intended to be a one-time gift, but under certain circumstances the St Stephen Fund Committee may decide to help on more than one occasion. The Permanent Deacon or widow requesting assistance must complete a Request for [ASSISTANCE FORM](#) (on-line) or contact the Deacon Office.

Direct Contributions

You can now make direct contributions to the St Stephen's Fund through the link below.:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=Twwtgk>



DEACON BIRTHDAYS

July through September

July

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| 1 Martin Gallegos Jr. | 2 Arthur Trujillo |
| 2 Victor Bachechi | 3 Ruben Zamudio |
| 5 Jerome Paszkiewicz | 7 Jerome Romero |
| 10 Chris Torres | 9 Anthony Trujillo |
| 11 Jose Gutierrez Solis | 10 Louis Bernal |
| 11 Dan Sanchez | 16 George Miller |
| 13 Juan Ortiz | 16 Brian Mora |
| 16 Michael Illerbrun | 18 Daniel Chavez |
| 20 Pete Campos | 19 Miguel Salazar |
| 20 Pat Sena | 21 Roberto Herrera |
| 21 Chuck Navarrete, Jr. | 21 Filemon Rael |
| 22 Jon Fischer | 22 Thomas Tynan |
| 24 Joseph Valdez | 23 Peter Broussard |
| 25 Jose Lopez | 23 Robert Tarin |
| 28 Don Roseborough | 24 Jose Martinez |
| 29 Jose de Jesus Cervantes | 26 John O'Hare |

August

- | | |
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| 1 Gregory Archunde | 26 Joe Santana |
| 1 Jose Ayala | 29 Juan Barajas |
| 1 Donato Lucero | 31 Thomas Alderette |
| | 31 James O'Hara |

September

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Marcus Rael | 18 Kenneth Sinatra |
| 3 Michael Sedillo | 20 Ted Branch |
| 7 Tom Perez | 24 Larry Carmony |
| 8 Tyler Cole | 24 Maurice Rodriguez |
| 8 Michael Wesley | 24 Greg Romero |
| 11 Daniel Kennedy | 25 Joey Silva |
| 12 James Lewis | 28 Nicholas Keller |
| 13 Jerry Baca | 29 James Beaudette |
| 16 Andres Carrillo | 29 Harold Pullings |
| | 30 Enrique Montoya |
| | 30 Francisco Rodriguez |



Birthday Blessings



Please Pray for our Deceased Deacons!

July

- 7 Dcn. Hemming Atterbom (2005)
- 8 Dcn. Harry Beare (2022)
- 9 Dcn. Michael Montoya (2023)
- 18 Dcn. Ron Schultz (2010)
- 19 Dcn. Jose Segura (2024)
- 24 Dcn. J. Robert Martinez (2008)
- 28 Dcn. Joe Trujillo (2010)
- 31 Dcn. Charles Cullen (2017)



August

- 1 Dcn. Norbert Sanchez (2024)
- 19 Dcn. Rudy Zamora (2018)
- 26 Dcn. Carlos Pacheco (2016)
- 27 Dcn. Pedro Garcia (2023)

September

- 1 Dcn. John Rasinski (2023)
- 3 Dcn. Stephen Rangel (2025)
- 6 Dcn. Richard D. Prentiss (2000)
- 7 Dcn. Ricardo Chavez (2024)
- 20 Dcn. Raynaldo Cordova (2017)
- 23 Dcn. Kenneth Trujillo (2022)



Eloy Martinez

Deacon Eloy Martinez

Born
7/6/1935

Ordained
5/30/1987

Passed
6/05/2026



Changes in Deacon Assignments

Archbishop John C. Westeras made the following assignments:

- > Effective Sunday, February 22, 2026 - Deacon Timoteo Lujan, previously assigned at Our Lady of Fatima in Albuquerque, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at St. Francis Xavier in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the Pastor, Reverend Bijoy Francis.
- > Effective Thursday, April 2, 2026 - Deacon Charles Navarrete, has been incardinated into the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

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

If you would like to transfer from your current assignment, please contact the Office of Deacons. Requests must be submitted in writing before they can be acted on. Once the office has received your request, and a new assignment location has been agreed to, both your current pastor and the pastor of the parish of your new assignment will also be required to submit letters. Once this is accomplished, the Archbishop will make the final decision and issue a letter with the change of assignment.



Parish Transfers

Parishes Requesting a Deacon

The following parishes have requested a deacon.

- ◆ Queen of Heaven (ABQ)
- ◆ Sangre de Cristo (ABQ)
- ◆ St. Edwin (ABQ)
- ◆ Immaculate Conception (Tomé)
- ◆ St. John XXIII (ABQ)
- ◆ Holy Cross (Santa Cruz)



Books Used in Formation

Here is a list of **some** of the books that are used in our Deacon Formation Program. This might be helpful for you in case you are looking for something to read.....

A Concise Guide to Canon Law: A Practical Handbook for Pastoral Ministers (Kevin McKenna)

Tuned In: The Power of Pressing Pause and Listening (Art & Elaine Bennett)

The Wounded Healer (Henri Nouwen)

Guide for Sacristans (Corinna Laughlin & Paul Turner)

That All May Be One: Ecumenism (Jeffrey Gros)

Lay Leaders of Worship: A Practical and Spiritual Guide (Kathleen Brown)

Beginning to Read the Fathers (Boniface Ramsey)

Aquinas: A Beginner's Guide (Edward Fesser)

An Unfinished Council: Vatican II, Pope Francis, and the Renewal of Catholicism (Gaillardetz)

Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers (USCCB)

Everyone Leads: How to Revitalize the Catholic Church (Chris Lowney)

The Deacon: Icon of Christ the Servant, Minister of the Threshold (Tim O'Donnell)

Encountering Christ the Servant: A Spirituality of the Diaconate (Dominic Cerrato)

Preaching the Mystery of Faith (USCCB)

Read the Way You Talk: A Guide for Lectors (Jack Hartjes)

Ministries: A Relational Approach (Edward Hanenberg)

The Essential Writings of Christian Mysticism (Bernard McGinn)

Spiritual Direction: Wisdom for the Long Walk of Faith (Henri Nouwen)

The Church of Mercy (Pope Francis)

Invitation to the Old Testament: A Catholic Approach to the Hebrew Scriptures (Alice Camille)

Invitation to the New Testament: A Catholic Approach to the Christian Scriptures (Alice Camille)

Watch for more next month!





The Proper Posture for Receiving Holy Communion

Archbishop Wester is requesting that we review this article on the proper posture for receiving Holy Communion at Mass. It demonstrates how standing to receive the Blessed Sacrament is the most ancient posture as it aligns us with the resurrected Christ, while kneeling was reserved for the first millennium for penitents—those who were unworthy to receive.

To read the full article, [CLICK HERE](#).





Spiritual Defense Coalition



To help convert the culture of death that is increasing in New Mexico to a culture of life, the Spiritual Defense Coalition, a partnership of pro-life organizations from across New Mexico and the Knights of Columbus, has been formed to synergize pro-life efforts.

Deacons are asked to coordinate with their pastors for prayer and action.

For the complete statement on the Spiritual Defense Coalition, [CLICK HERE.](#)

For more information, contact Deacon Pat Sena (Our Lady of the Annunciation): grandpasena@gmail.com



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VIRTUS[®]Online

Just a reminder that all deacons must remain in compliance with the Archdiocesan Call to Protect protocols, including keeping current (every five years) with your VIRTUS training. If you are not certain if you are in compliance, you can look it up at the link below, or contact Yolanda at the Deacon Office.

[English Virtus Link](#)

[Spanish Virtus Link](#)



Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials July through September 2026

July

- 1 St. Junipero Serra, Priest
- 3 Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle
- 4 Mass for Independence Day
- 6 St. Maria Goretti, Virgin/Martyr
- 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest/Companions
- 11 St. Benedict, Abbot
- 13 St. Henry
- 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
- 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop/Doctor
- 16 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 18 St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest
- 20 St. Apollinaris, Bishop/Martyr
- 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest/Doctor
- 22 Feast of St. Mary Magdalene
- 23 St. Bridget, Religious
- 24 St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
- 25 Feast of St. James, Apostle
- 29 Sts. Marha, Mary, and Lazarus
- 30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop/Doctor
- 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

August

- 1 St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop/Doctor
- 4 St. John Vianney, Priest
- 5 Dedication of St. Mary Major
- 6 Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
- 7 St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs
- 8 St. Dominic, Priest
- 10 St. Lawrence, Deacon/Martyr
- 11 St. Clare, Virgin
- 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
- 13 St. Pontian, Pope
- 13 St. Hippolytus, Priest/Martyr
- 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest/Martyr
- 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the BVM
- 19 St. John Eudes, Priest
- 20 St. Bernard, Abbot/Doctor
- 21 St. Pius X, Pope
- 22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August (continued)

- 24 Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- 25 St. Louis
- 25 St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
- 27 St. Mopnica
- 28 St. Augustine, Bishop/Doctor
- 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

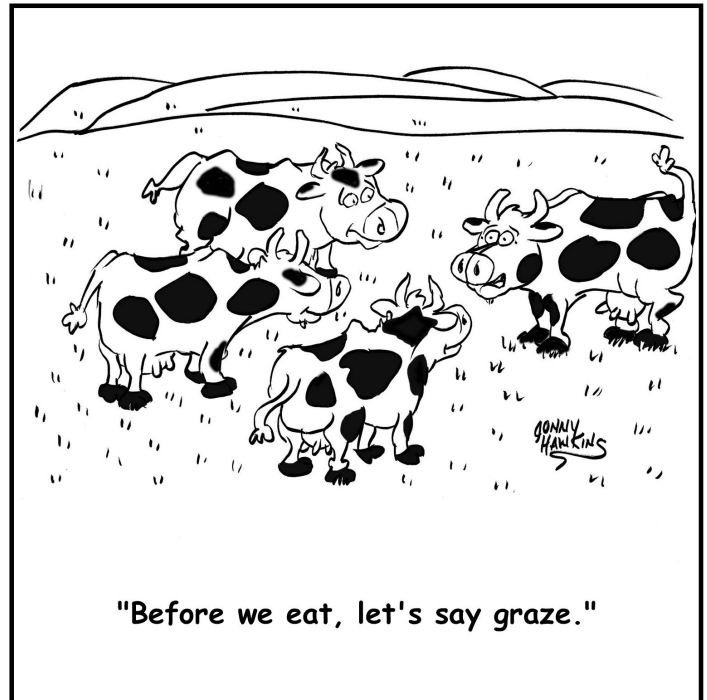
September

- 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope
- 8 Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9 St. Peter Claver, Priest
- 14 Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 Our Lady of Sorrows
- 16 Sts. Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop/Martyrs
- 17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop/Doctor
- 17 St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin/Doctor
- 19 St. Januarius, Bishop/Martyr
- 21 St. Matthew, Apostle/Evangelist
- 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- 26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
- 28 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
- 29 St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
- 30 St. Jerome, Priest/Doctor

Year of St. Francis of Assisi

On January 10, His Holiness Pope Leo XIV established the YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the saint's Transitus to Heaven.

The initiative was proclaimed through a Decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See, which states that from January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, it is possible to obtain a Plenary Indulgence, under the usual conditions, by making a pilgrimage to any Franciscan conventual church or place of worship dedicated to St. Francis anywhere in the world.

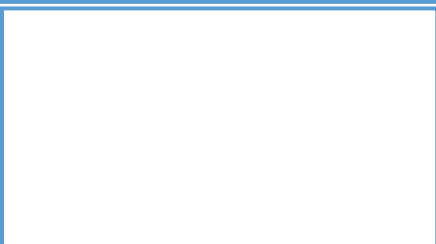
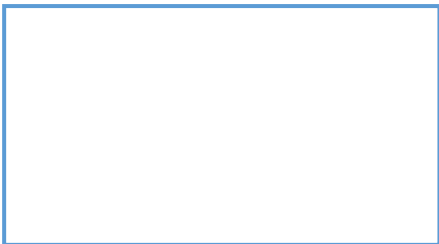
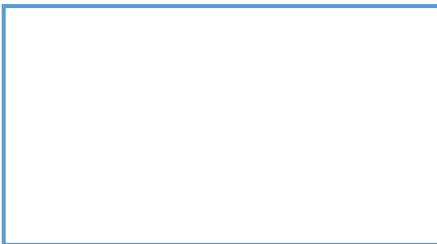


Deacons: Update your contact information. If your personal contact information has changed, please inform the Deacon Office. This helps facilitate communication between you, the Deacon Community and the Archdiocese. Contact Yolanda Lovato at 505-831-8246 or by email at ylovato@asfnm.org

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 Deacon Office and we will be happy to announce it. With the publication of this newsletter, we will be especially looking for events in the July through September 2026 time frame with a submission deadline of September 3, 2026 to the Director of the Office of Deacons.

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