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## **STATEMENT**

### **Archbishop John C. Wester Calls for Prayers and Peace Amidst Escalating Conflict in the Middle East**

ALBUQUERQUE – Friday, October 13, 2023– IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Friday, October 13, 2023 – IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, issued the following statement on Wednesday, October 11:

The surprise attack on Israel by Hamas has sparked violence in the Middle East not seen in 50 years. I know we are all shocked, just as we have been over the war against Ukraine. The parishes, schools, and other Catholic entities in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe continue to pray constantly for peace in our world, in Ukraine, and in the Holy Land. May Our Lady of Peace, enshrined in our Cathedral, intercede with us to the Prince of Peace so that He would touch the hearts of all world leaders and lead them to find ways to end the violence that plagues our world.

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