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NEWS RELEASE

Archbishop John C. Wester to Ordain
36 Men to the Permanent Diaconate
Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi
131 Cathedral Place, Santa Fe, NM 87501
Saturday, June 3, 2023 | 10 a.m. and
Saturday, June 10, 2023 | 10 a.m.

ALBUQUERQUE – Friday, June 2, 2023—IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, will ordain 36 men to the permanent diaconate in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Eighteen men who will be serving the Albuquerque and Rio Rancho Catholic parishes will be ordained Saturday, June 3, and 18 men who will serve in other parishes around the Archdiocese of Santa Fe will be ordained Saturday, June 10. Both ordinations are at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe, NM.

The Permanent Diaconate is a vital ministry within the Roman Catholic Church, and the ordination marks a significant milestone in their journey of faith and service. As deacons, they will be called to serve the Catholic Church and the community, assisting in liturgical celebrations, proclaiming the Gospel, and engaging in acts of charity and pastoral care.

The faithful, clergy, and family members will witness the laying on of hands by Archbishop Wester. This ancient and sacred ritual symbolizes the transmission of spiritual authority and the calling of the Holy Spirit upon the deacons for their lifelong commitment to serving God and His people.

The deacons have undergone a rigorous formation program that includes theological studies, spiritual development, and pastoral training. This thorough preparation equips them with the necessary skills and knowledge to fulfill their duties as a deacon.

The Permanent Diaconate Class of 2023
Rogelio Anaya              Philip Kahle              Alexander E. Padilla
Paul M. Benoit             Javier Madrid            Angel Rivera
Martin Chairez             Christopher Martinez       Ricardo R. Romero
John R. Chavez             Donald W. Martinez        Gabriel J. Romero
Leroy A. Chavez            Claren Martinez           Dan A. Sanchez
James A. Dinkel            Patrick Martinez           Jeffrey L. Schaff
Bernard L. Ela             Charles J. Metzler         Donald L. Serrano
Douglas P. Feery           Clarence E. Montoya      Joey Silva
Jon P. Fischer             Dennis P. Montoya         Stanley A. Sluder
Lloyd M. Garley            Brian Mora                Robert Tarin
Andrew R. Hadcock          Eric A. Nelson           Dominic B. Valencia
Louis E. Herrera           Gabriel L. Pacheco         Donald C. Yardman

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