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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
Paul M. Benoit
Martin Chairez
John R. Chavez
Leroy A. Chavez
James A. Dinkel
Bernard L. Ela
Douglas P. Feery
Jon P. Fischer
Lloyd M. Garley
Andrew R. Hadcock
Louis E. Herrera

Philip Kahle
Javier Madrid
Christopher Martinez
Donald W. Martinez
Claren Martinez
Patrick Martinez
Charles J. Metzler
Clarence E. Montoya
Dennis P. Montoya
Brian Mora
Eric A. Nelson
Gabriel L. Pacheco

Alexander E. Padilla
Angel Rivera
Ricardo R. Romero
Gabriel J. Romero
Dan A. Sanchez
Jeffrey L. Schaff
Donald L. Serrano
Joey Silva
Stanley A. Sluder
Robert Tarin
Dominic B. Valencia
Donald C. Yardman

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