

ASSIGNMENT MEMO

From Very Reverend Glenn Jones,
Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy

June 20, 2025

**ARCHBISHOP JOHN C. WESTER HAS MADE
THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS:**

Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, has made the following assignments.

Effective Thursday, June 12, 2025 - Transitional Deacon Martin Umeatuegbu, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at St. Anne in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Larry Brito.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Emilio Eugene Brizal, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows in Las Vegas, under the guidance of the pastor, Very Reverend Rob Yaksich.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Tyler Leroy Cole, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Very Reverend Chike Uba.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Steven Charles Garcia, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Queen of Heaven in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Simeon Wimmershoff.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Jerry Lee Griego, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at San Miguel in Socorro, under the guidance of the parish administrator, Reverend John Anasiudu.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Bryan Paul Huffaker, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Prince of Peace in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Michael Shea.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Ricardo Paul Maestas, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows in Las Vegas, under the guidance of the pastor, Very Reverend Rob Yaksich.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Anthony Joseph Martinez, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe in Taos, under the guidance of the parish administrator, Reverend Felice Peter Mgendwa.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon William Frank Martinez, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at St. Jude Thaddeus in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Tien-Tri Nguyen.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Jeffrey James McCarthy, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Cristo Rey in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the pastor, Very Reverend John Cannon.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Rudy Edward Rael, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at San Felipe de Neri in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the parish administrator, Reverend Michael Chiagorom.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Francisco Rodriguez, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Sacred Heart in Clovis, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Franklin Iwuagwu.

Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Juan Edward Sanchez, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Very Reverend Chike Uba.

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Effective Saturday, June 14, 2025 - Deacon Arthur Adrian Trujillo, newly ordained, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Peralta, under the guidance of the parish administrator, Reverend Emmanuel Izuka.

Effective Wednesday, June 18, 2025-Reverend Kevin Obiesie, newly ordained, has been appointed as parochial vicar of Santa Maria de La Paz in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Darrell Segura, Jr.

Updated: Effective Thursday, June 23, 2025 - Reverend Benny Sebastian, C.S.T., previously parochial vicar of Santa Maria de La Paz in Santa Fe, has been appointed as parish administrator of St. Joseph in Cerrillos and its missions.

Updated: Effective Tuesday, July 1, 2025 - Reverend June Ramos, previously parochial vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows in Bernalillo, has been appointed as parish administrator of San Diego Mission in Jemez Pueblo and its missions.

Effective Tuesday, July 1, 2025-Reverend Joseph Van Tao Nguyen has been appointed as Dean of the Northwest Deanery, this is in addition to his current assignment as pastor of San Juan Nepomuceno in El Rito and its missions.

Updated: Effective Wednesday, July 9, 2025 - Reverend Moses Nwankwo, has been appointed as parochial vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows in Bernalillo, under the guidance of pastor, Reverend Clement Niggel.

Effective Thursday, July 10, 2025 - Reverend Michael Villavicencio, newly ordained, has been assigned as parochial vicar of St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Adrian Sisneros.

Updated: Effective Friday, July 11, 2025 - Reverend Dominic Pierson, previously pastor of Sacred Heart in Espanola, has been appointed as pastor of Sacred Heart in Albuquerque.

Updated: Effective Friday, July 11, 2025 - Reverend Benjamin Onwumelu, previously parish administrator of Sacred Heart in Albuquerque, has been appointed as pastor of Sacred Heart in Espanola.

Effective Friday, August 1, 2025 - Deacon Keith Davis has been appointed as Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, this is in addition to serving as the Director of the Office of Deacons as well as deacon at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish in Albuquerque.

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