

ASSIGNMENT MEMO

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

February 11, 2026

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

Effective Tuesday, August 19, h- Deacon Theodore Branch, previously assigned at San Isidro in Santa Fe, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at St. Anne in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Larry Brito.

Effective Tuesday, September 9, 2025 - Reverend Kevin Obiesie, previously assigned at Santa Maria de La Paz in Santa Fe, has been appointed as parochial vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas University in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Adrian Sisneros.

Effective Saturday, November 1, 2025 - Reverend Paul Grala, previously assigned at St. Gertrude the Great in Mora, has been granted permission to move to the S.O.L.T. Formation Center in Bosque.

Effective Thursday, December 18, 2025 - Reverend Evaristus Chukwu, previously assigned at University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque, has been appointed as hospital minister at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque.

Effective Thursday, December 18, 2025-Reverend Monsignor Bennett J. Voorhies, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors, this is in addition to his current assignment as pastor at Our Lady of the Annunciation in Albuquerque.

Effective Thursday, December 18, 2025 - Very Reverend Steve Rosera, has been appointed as a member of the College of Consultors, this is in addition to his current assignment as pastor at Immaculate Conception in Albuquerque and Dean of Albuquerque C Deanery.

Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 - Deacon Donald Serrano, previously assigned at St. John the Baptist in Santa Fe, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the rector, Very Reverend John Cannon.

Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 - Deacon Larry Cleveland, has been granted retirement after serving over 32 years.

Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 - Deacon John Bird, has been granted retirement after serving over 16 years.

Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 - Deacon Bernard Ela, previously assigned at St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at San Ysidro in Corrales, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend James McGowan.

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Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 - Deacon Constantino Avalos-Sanchez, previously assigned at Holy Family in Albuquerque, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at St. Anne in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Irby Nichols.

Effective Thursday, January 22, 2026 - Deacon Pilar Garcia has been granted retirement after serving over 51 years.

Effective Thursday, January 29, 2026 - Deacon Ruben Zamudio, has been incardinated into the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Effective Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - Deacon Steve Thomas, newly arrived, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of the Assumption in Albuquerque, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Edward Domme.

Effective Monday, February 2, 2026-Reverend Arthur Anderson, O.F.M., J.C.L., has been appointed as the Adjutant Judicial Vicar, this is in addition to continue to act as a Judge and Defender of the Bond in marriage nullity cases as determined by the Judicial Vicar for the Courts of First and Second instance in the Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Effective Monday, February 9, 2026 - Reverend Hernando Cortes, S.F., newly arrived, has been appointed as parish administrator at Holy Cross in Santa Cruz.

Effective Friday, February 13, 2026 - Reverend Dennis Bosse, O.F.M., newly arrived, has been granted faculties while in residence at the San Juan Diego Friary.

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