

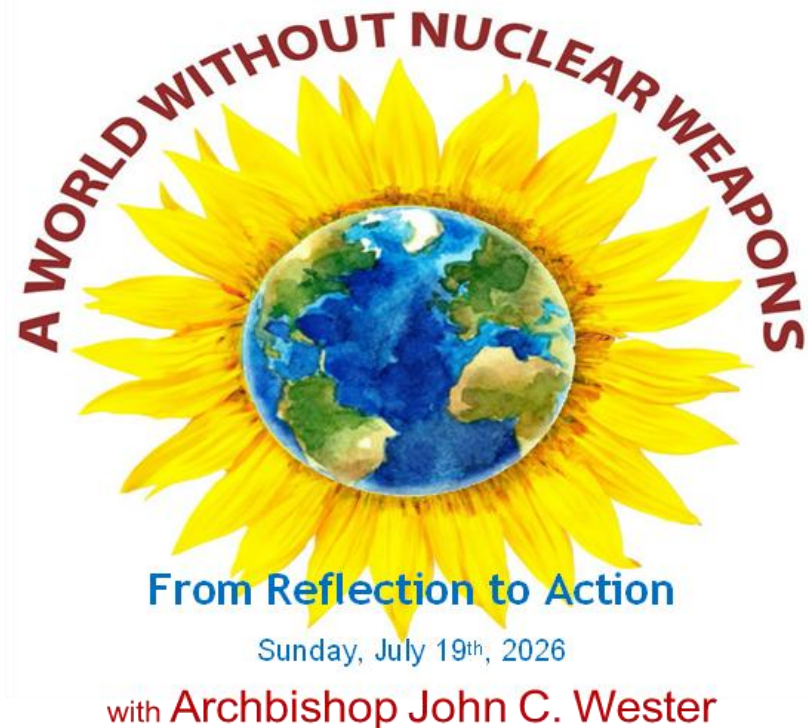
Excerpt from Archbishop John C. Wester's Pastoral Letter

"The Catholic Church has been a leading proponent of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) from the beginning. When ban treaty negotiations began in March 2017, Pope Francis formally expressed his wish that the treaty-making process may 'constitute a decisive step along the road toward a world without nuclear weapons' which is 'not beyond our reach.' In September 2017, the Vatican was the first nation-state to sign the treaty, which entered into force on January 22, 2021. It is the first legally binding international agreement to ban nuclear weapons with the ultimate goal of their total elimination. This ban treaty has much precedence in ban treaties for other types of weapons of mass destruction, in particular the Chemical and Biological Weapons Conventions. It should be further noted that the treaty has particular relevance to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in that it recognizes 'the disproportionate impact of nuclear weapon activities on indigenous peoples' and that 'each state party... shall take necessary and appropriate measures towards the environmental remediation of areas so contaminated.'"

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Interfaith Trinity Test Remembrance

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Most Reverend John C. Wester	Archbishop of Santa Fe
Jay Coghlan	Executive Director, Nuclear Watch New Mexico
Dr. Michael Ketterer	Professor Emeritus, Northern Arizona University
Tina Cordova	Co-Founder, Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium

Break – Music by Paul Pino

Naya Anllo-Valdo	Pueblo Action Alliance and Three Sisters Collective
Anne Pierce-Jones	Back from the Brink
Secretary James C. Kenney	New Mexico Environment Department

Call to Action

Anne Pierce-Jones

Closing Prayer

Most Reverend John C. Wester

Speaker's Biography

Jay Coghlan is Executive Director of Nuclear Watch New Mexico, a nonprofit organization that watchdogs the Los Alamos National Laboratory and the Department of Energy's nation-wide nuclear weapons complex. He has worked successfully against radioactive incineration at the Los Alamos Lab and in Clean Air Act, Freedom of Information Act, and National Environmental Policy Act lawsuits against the Department of Energy. He has also served as a consultant on nuclear disarmament issues to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe for the last six years.

Dr. Michael Ketterer was born in Niagara Falls, NY and was educated at the Calasanctius School in Buffalo. Mike studied sciences at University Notre Dame and received a BS in Chemistry in 1980. Thereafter, he completed a doctoral degree in 1985 at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Mike currently specializes in measuring and understanding sources and behavior of plutonium in the ambient environment. Mike is currently Professor Emeritus of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Northern Arizona University; he is also presently involved in a project with Veterans for Peace's Uranium Weapons Working Group, which has constructed the Arthur S. Ratcliffe mobile community laboratory. The mobile lab is being used to study water, soil and other samples throughout the US. The Ratcliffe lab focuses on assisting communities affected by RECA-related contaminants, such as uranium mining and milling, along with weapons test fallout.

Tina Cordova Tina Cordova is a seventh-generation native New Mexican born and raised in the small town of Tularosa. In 2005, Tina co-founded the Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium (TBDC) with the late Fred Tyler. The mission of the TBDC is to bring attention to the negative health effects suffered by the unknowing, unwilling, uncompensated, innocent victims of the first nuclear blast on earth that took place at the Trinity Site. Ultimately, the goal was passage of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act amendments to bring much needed healthcare coverage and partial restitution to the people of New Mexico who sacrificed and suffered with the negative health effects of overexposure to radiation since 1945. Tina is a cancer survivor and was diagnosed with thyroid cancer when she was 39 years old.

Naya Anllo-Valdo is a farmer, advocate, educator, doula, and artist from Acoma Pueblo. She is a recent graduate of the University of New Mexico Native American Studies Master's Program and an alumnus of New York University. Naya currently works with Pueblo Action Alliance and Three Sisters Collective, as well as volunteers on farms in her home community and throughout Pueblo country. She also provides guidance and support to organizations and grassroots groups throughout northern and central New Mexico.

Anne Pierce-Jones is a retired educator, rehabilitation counselor, and former systems engineer who served as part of IBM's LANL tech-support team in the 1980s. She founded the Back from the Brink New Mexico hub in response to the 2024 Trinity remembrance event.

Secretary James C. Kenney, Keynote Speaker is one of the governor's longest serving cabinet secretaries and has been instrumental in advancing public health and environmental policies in New Mexico. His leadership has earned him recognition as a progressive environmental steward – balancing sustainability efforts, community concerns, and economic growth.