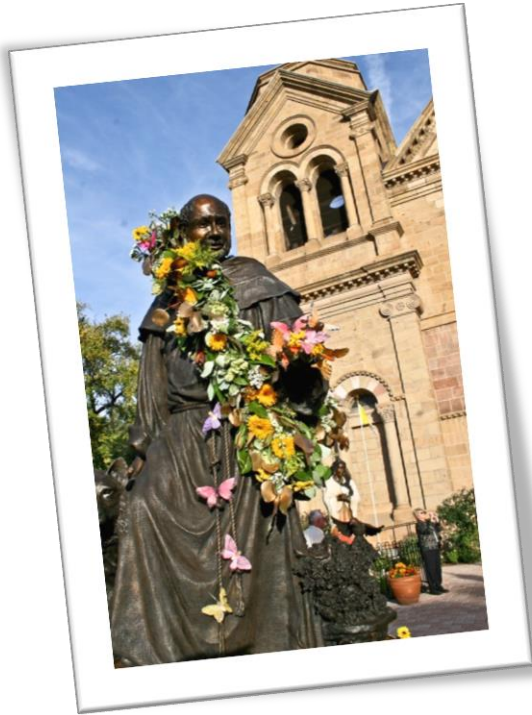


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**Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan to
Present 12th Annual St. Francis of
Assisi Awards**

Friday, October 4, 2013 5:30 PM
**Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe,
New Mexico**

ALBUQUERQUE – Friday, October 4, 2013 –
IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Eighty-one men and

women will be awarded the prestigious Archbishop's St. Francis of Assisi Award by Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan at the 12th Annual Mass of Celebration on Friday, October 4, 2013 at 5:30 PM at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe.

Archbishop Sheehan will present the custom-designed medallion to honor individuals who are considered role models from parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Archbishop Sheehan said

The Archbishop's St. Francis of Assisi Award gives me an opportunity to recognize and express gratitude to many of our unsung heroes who model our Catholic faith through their dedicated service to others. These award recipients are vital to the life of their parish and their service to the church is pleasing to God. The award recipients represent a wide range of backgrounds; however, they are all united by their love for Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and our rich Catholic faith. May God bless each recipient and their loved ones in a special way with many graces.

Pastors of each parish were invited to submit the names of one individual or one married couple to receive this distinguished award. --END