Great Spirit Prayer

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind, whose breath gives life to all the world.

Hear me; I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.

Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people. Help me to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes towards me. Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Help me seek pure thoughts and act with the intention of helping others. Help me find compassion without empathy overwhelming me. I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy—myself.

Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes. So when life fades, as the fading sunset, My spirit may come to you without shame.

—Author Unknown

Blessings from the Native American Ministry Office

This has been a busy spring for our people and this office. We celebrated Easter, Graduations, Feast days, and a wonderful gathering with Archbishop Wester and many of our Pueblo Tribal Officials, for our Annual Lunch with the Archbishop.

We also celebrated a beautiful Thanksgiving Liturgy for our children attending Catholic School. Last school year, (with the help of our Lord) we were able to award 47 Kateri Tekakwitha Scholarships to our children. This new school year we have received 51 applications. Please pray that the Lord will bless us with enough funding to assist these children.

As you read our newsletter, you will see the upcoming events we are planning. We pray that you will be able to attend most or all of the events. We ask our Lord to accompany those traveling to Ohio for the Annual Tekakwitha Conference. Safe travels to all. I hope to see you on August 3, 2019, here at the Catholic Center for our "Listening Session" with Archbishop Wester. (at 2:30pm)

May our Creator continue to bless you, and always grant you the desires of your heart.

Blessings,

Shirley Zuni
Director
Annual Pueblo Governors Lunch with the Archbishop

The Native American Ministry Office held its 6th Annual Pueblo Governors Lunch on May 17, 2019. We look forward each year to hosting this event as it unites Archbishop John C. Wester and the newly appointed pueblo governors, tribal leaders, and those who serve their pueblo communities.

Each year the luncheon begins with Archbishop welcoming the guests who have joined us from all across New Mexico. This year was no different as Archbishop Wester spoke of the importance of a line of communication being open between the Archdiocese and the Native Pueblos. Just last year a resolution was organized between the Archbishop and Northern Pueblo Leaders to end the Entrada in Santa Fe. A solution welcomed by many as it was a tradition many felt was culturally insensitive to the Native Pueblos. Archbishop also mentioned how the bond between the Catholic and Native faith brings the richness and beauty of the Pueblo cultures into the Archdiocese.

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Annual Scholarship Mass of Thanksgiving

On Sunday, June 2, 2019, the Native American Ministry Office held its 2nd Annual Scholarship Mass of Thanksgiv- ing at St. Augustine Parish in Isleta Pueblo. Funded by the Black and Indian Missions Office, the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Scholarship is for Native American students, grades kindergarten through twelfth, who attend or will attend a Catholic school within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. The scholarship has had a huge impact on Native American students and their families. Some parents work two or three jobs to put their children through Catholic School and they are always grateful for any amount of aid they are given to help further their children’s education. This past year, forty-seven students received tuition assistance for the 2018-2019 school year via the St. Kateri Tekakwitha Scholarship.

In 2017 the Native American Ministry Office decided to have a Scholarship Mass of Thanksgiving to give the scholarship awardees an opportunity to give thanks. This year’s Mass was celebrated by Rev. George Pavamkott O.Praem, Pastor of St. Augustine along with Deacon Manny Robles who served as Deacon of the Altar. Although all awardees were not present, many students and their families were in attendance for the Mass. Many of them were dressed in their Native attire honoring their heritage and proudly proclaiming their faith. Students were also given a certificate to acknowledge their success in achieving a scholarship award. A group photo and a lovely reception was held after the Mass and included a Thanksgiving themed meal with turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, squash, stuffing and red chili. Congratulations to all the student awardees and their families!
Upcoming Events!

Pastoral Plan Listening Session
In an effort to update and assess the 2006 Pastoral Plan, Archbishop John C. Wester is asking for listening sessions with parish leadership to begin the evaluation of the current plan. The two pastoral priorities from the 2006 Pastoral Plan that will be assessed first will be Consultation and Governance and Stewardship and Administration. The full 2006 ASF Pastoral Plan can be found on the Archdiocese of Santa Fe website www.archdiocesef.org.

The last English language listening session for these priorities is set for Saturday, August 3, 2019 from 2:30-6pm in the Manzano Room at the Catholic Center in Albuquerque, NM, Archbishop Wester cordially invites parish leadership, i.e. Pastors, Deacons, Lay Ecclesial Ministers, Parish Staffs, Members of Parish Pastoral Councils and Members of Finance Councils to plan to attend as he would like to hear any concerns that the Native Community has. Please contact Charla in the Native American Ministry Office to register your parish leadership team.

Native American Pueblo Meeting
Native American Pueblo Meetings are important as they give those involved in Native American Ministry a chance to gather, discuss, address and support the progress of each pueblo.

The next meeting will be Saturday, August 10, 2019 at 10:00am in the Sandia Room at the Catholic Center in Albuquerque, NM. We will begin with Mass at 10:00am. Lunch will be potluck style. Please call the Native American Ministry Office for more information.

Native American Mass
Join the 30th Annual Native American Mass set to take place on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 5:15pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi (131 Cathedral Pl., Santa Fe, NM 87501). Traditional dress is encouraged!

Can’t drive? Reserve your spot on the Coach Bus for the Native American Mass. Round trip fee is $10.00 per person. The bus will arrive at the Cathedral Basilica around 3:35pm. Those riding the Coach Bus will have dinner at the Furr’s Buffet following the Mass at about 7:00pm. The All-You-Can-Eat Buffet with the Senior Discount and drink is approximately $15 per person.

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Space is limited! Contact the Native American Ministry Office for more information on the Annual Native American Mass or to reserve your spot on the Coach Bus!

Mass of Thanksgiving for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Scholarship Recipients
The Scholarship Mass of Thanksgiving allows St. Kateri Tekakwitha Scholarship recipients time to give thanks and celebrate their award as a family and community. The upcoming Mass is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, at 2:00pm at the Shrine of St. Kateri (St. Augustine Parish) in Isleta Pueblo (Tribal Road 35, #71, Isleta, NM 87022). A reception will follow. For more information please contact Native American Ministry Office. Must RSVP by September 2, 2019 to attend.

Native American Ministry Retreat
Please plan on attending the next Native American Ministry Retreat on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 from 9:30am to 2:30pm in the Sandia Room at the Catholic Center in Albuquerque. This year’s theme will be “Healing the Mind and Spirit.” We are also happy to announce that Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM has agreed to be the Retreat Master. The Retreat will have a $10.00 fee that will cover lunch.

This Retreat is open to anyone involved in Native American Ministry. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by Sept. 9, 2019. Space is limited! Call the Native American Ministry Office for more information or to reserve your spot today!

Wisdom Mass
Beginning this year, the Office of Native American Ministry will start hosting the Wisdom Mass. This special Mass will be held to honor Elders from throughout the various Pueblos and/or Tribes in New Mexico. The Wisdom Mass will bring the Elders together, along with friends and family, to let them know we love and respect them. It will also be to give them thanks for they are the ones who have guided us to where we are today. The Wisdom Mass is scheduled for October 11, 2019 at 11:00am in St. Augustine Parish, Isleta. Must RSVP to attend. Reception will follow.

Advent Celebration
This year’s Advent Celebration will be on Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 2:30-5:00pm at the Catholic Center in Albuquerque. This event is free! However, we do ask that those attending the event bring a new, un-wrapped toy to be donated to the Albuquerque Indian Center. Space is limited! Must RSVP by December 2, 2019 in order to attend. For questions or to RSVP please contact the Native American Ministry Office.
The Archdiocese of Santa Fe entered into Chapter 11 Reorganization during the first week of December, 2018. The utmost concern is for the victims of abuse. Our prayers are with them.

The Annual Catholic Appeal Foundation is not part of the Chapter 11 filing. ACA is separately incorporated and funding is not available for legal claims. ACA remains a significant source of funding for the ministries and services of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe throughout this process and beyond. Christ’s loving work must endure through this.

Thank you for continuing to support these efforts.

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