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Native American Ministry

The Native American Ministry works to build strong Catholic leaders within the pueblos by bridging the two faith traditions together to create and nurture faithful members of the Church.

About Us

- Our understanding of the pueblos is unique as we have personally experienced the two paths in which the native people walk. With open and grateful hearts we value the traditional faith we were born with and our Catholic Faith which was gifted to us. As our ministry continues to grow, we vow to stand in solidarity with our Native brothers and sisters as the two paths meet and become one.
- Native American Ministry serves 50,000 Native American Catholics in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
- Provides continuous support and assistance in the areas of leadership development and catechesis in the Pueblos.
- Coordinates with the offices of the Catholic Center, particularly with the office of the Pastoral Ministries Division, to bring these services to the pueblos.

What We Do

- Meet with the ASF Native American Ministry Advisory Board on a regular basis to discern, address and bring forth the spiritual needs of the community
- Monthly Native American Ministry meetings which discuss, address and support the progress of each pueblo. There are 19 pueblos in New Mexico each with its own distinct cultural traditions and languages. They are: Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Picuris, Pojoaque, Sandia, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan), Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Kewa (Santo Domingo), Taos, Tesuque, Zia, and Zuni. All except: Acoma, Laguna and Zuni reside within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
- Developed with the Native American Advisory Board *The Guidelines for Visiting a Pueblo Village*. The guidelines are available through the Native American Ministry office.

Events

- Attend annual pueblo feast day celebrations
- Host the Archbishop's Annual lunch with Tribal leaders and Pueblo Governors
- Plans and coordinates with the Cathedral Basilica staff the Annual Native American Mass which is held at the Cathedral Basilica in Santa Fe
- Hosts the annual Native American Ministry Christmas celebration
- Acts as staff to the Native American Advisory Board and liaison to the Tekakwitha Conference and local Kateri Circles
- Gathering of Pueblo Leadership with Archbishop Wester
- Annual Elders Mass

