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STATEMENT

Regarding the Paid Advertisement
Published in the *Albuquerque Journal*, January 22, 2019
Entitled “An Open Letter from New Mexico Faith Leaders
‘We Support a Woman’s Decision About Abortion’”

ALBUQUERQUE – Wednesday, January 23, 2019– IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Archbishop John C. Wester has issued the following statement regarding the paid advertisement published in the *Albuquerque Journal* on January 22, 2019 entitled, “An open letter from New Mexico faith leaders ‘We support a woman’s decision about abortion’”:

- 1) Signatories to the *Albuquerque Journal*’s paid advertisement are not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church in New Mexico.
- 2) New Mexico’s three dioceses: the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, the Diocese of Gallup and the Diocese of Las Cruces adamantly uphold the Church’s historical belief in the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death.
- 3) The list of religious churches, communities and organizations NOT in communion with, nor sponsored by, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe or the Roman Catholic Church in New Mexico follows and is also available on the archdiocesan website at www.archdiosf.org.