My Dear People of God,

We always knew that entering Chapter 11 bankruptcy was not going to be easy: however, for the healing of the victims of clergy sexual abuse and for the healing of our Church we knew it was the right decision to make. Of course, we could never have anticipated a world-wide pandemic that would make our path forward even more difficult. I write today to inform you just how difficult that path has become. Beginning on Friday, December 4th, the Catholic Center will initiate a 20% reduction of offices and/or positions, resulting in an inevitable reduction of staff. It is with a heavy heart that we say “good-bye to our trusted and appreciated colleagues at the Catholic Center.

It is impossible to put into words just how much we are going to miss our friends with whom we have ministered for so long. Some of those leaving have been with us for well over thirty years. Their dedication, competence and love for the Church stand as a fitting tribute to their legacy. We wish them well in the future and assure them of our never-ending gratitude and promise of prayer. I invite all in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe join me in this expression of gratitude and of prayerful support.

ANNOUNCEMENT: REDUCTION IN ASF OFFICES AND/OR POSITIONS
by John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe
November 23, 2020

Attached to this letter you will find a summary of those offices and/or positions that have been elimination and, in some cases, which office will be assuming new responsibilities so that we might continue to serve our parishes, schools and Catholic communities to the best of our ability. Through our Presbyteral Council, Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, Curia, Finance Council and other advisors, I will continue to assess the needs of this local Church and marshal the resources at our disposal to serve the faithful of this wonderful archdiocese. Together we will get through this difficult period in our history and with God’s grace continue to celebrate Christ’s presence in our midst.

In order to plan for our future as the Body of Christ even as we continue to heal the past, I am in the process of commissioning a working group that will reflect the rich diversity of our archdiocese. This task force, together with the councils mentioned above, will reflect all the People of God as they assist me in forging a path forward for our local Church. In the spirit of our archdiocesan patron, I am asking this new working group to respond to Christ’s call made so many centuries ago to St. Francis from the San Damiano cross: “Rebuild My Church.” Journeying together, with Christ among us and with the assistance of the prayers of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we will move forward with hope and determination as we begin a new chapter in our lives of faith here in the Southwest.

For over 400 years, the Catholic Church has been a beacon of hope and a source of life for countless souls in this portion of the Lord’s vineyard. Standing on the shoulders of our ancestors in the faith, we will continue to be, in the words of Lumen Gentium (A Light to the Nations), a light of Christ shining brightly in our midst, a light that the darkness cannot extinguish (John 1:5). Please pray for this intention and for our friends who are leaving the Catholic Center but remaining always in our hearts.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,
Most Reverend John C. Wester
Archbishop of Santa Fe

CATHOLIC CENTER REDUCTIONS AND NEW CONTACT OFFICE

The Archdiocesan Website: www.archdiosf.org
PMD CHANGES DUE TO THE CHAPTER 11 REORGANIZATION
By Michelle Montez, Executive Director of Pastoral Ministries
December 9, 2020

As the result of the Chapter 11 Reorganization, some significant changes will be coming to the Pastoral Ministries Division staff and its ministerial offices. We thank our colleagues for the privilege of having worked and prayed with you—your will always remain a part of us! Because of these changes, our ministry efforts will be changing as well. Please keep all the members of the PMD and the Catholic Center staff in your prayers.

CLOSED:
Formation for Christian Service/Ministry Resource Center will be closing effective December 4.

Thank you to Deacon Keith Davis, Director and Corey Lucero, Support Staff for their fine service to the Archdiocese, especially in their coordinating of formation efforts and providing resources and material to catechists, catholic school teachers and the Catholic public at large over the last several years.

While formation classes will continue a much more limited scale, we will deeply miss Keith and Corey’s great gifts of organizational and listening presence. Kathy was reached out to our catechists, as a compassionate and listening presence. Kathy was our baker on the staff and she always delighted to bringing fresh baked goods for us to enjoy; but, truly, it has been her deep spiritualty and faith in God that has left a lasting impression on us all. Thank you, Kathy!

REORGANIZED OFFICES: Youth, Young Adult, Campus Ministry and Religious Education.

After 36 years of extraordinary service, Mrs. Bernadette Jaramillo has decided to retire as the Youth, Young Adult and Campus Director, effective the first week of December. It is no exaggeration to say that Bernadette has literally impacted the lives of hundreds of young people, called forth dozens of youth ministers for training and formation to equip them for service and helped many priests and religious to discern their vocational call while serving as director. Many of the current Staff at the Catholic Center began their careers in ministerial service to the Archdiocese in her office. You leave a true legacy Bernadette, and we are so grateful to you! We will miss your infectious laughter most of all!

With the retirement of Bernadette Jaramillo, the pastoral work of the Youth and Young Adult Office will now be incorporated as part of the office of Religious Education with the following changes:

We say goodbye to Kathy Garcia as secretary for the RE office and thank her for all her dedicated years of service, especially in organizing large catechetical events and helping with registration during the Summer Institute for formation. During the early months of the pandemic, Kathy reached out to our catechists, as a compassionate and listening presence. Kathy was our baker on the staff and she always delighted to bringing fresh baked goods for us to enjoy; but, truly, it has been her deep spiritualty and faith in God that has left a lasting impression on us all. Thank you, Kathy!

Sadly, our staff is also saying goodbye to Andrea Solis, who had recently joined us as the Young Adult and Campus minister. Andrea brought a refreshing ministerial presence along with a proficiency in all things social media. Andrea, it feels as though we were just getting started and we are sad to see you go, but we are sure that with your talent and dedication, you will be a great asset to any parish or organization.

OTHER CHANGES IN PERSONNEL IN PMD OFFICES:
Pastoral Outreach Office:
Josephine War will be moving into prison ministry exclusively, bringing her pastoral presence to the incarcerated and those moving in transition. Josephine will no longer be serving as the support staff in the Pastoral Outreach Office. Thank you, Josephine, for your fine service to so many individuals and for your collaborative and generous spirit—we wish you all of God’s blessings!

FAMILY LIFE OFFICE:
Our current fiscal reality did not allow for the hiring of a new Director of this Office after the former director, Beth Lukes resigned due to health challenges earlier this year. We have missed Beth and her many gifts, but we are delighted that Yvette Duran, who has served the Family Life Office for many years as support staff, has agreed to stay on as the coordinator of the FLO and continue the work. Thank you, Yvette!

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MASS IN SPANISH IS BROADCASTED EVERY SUNDAY ON CHANNEL 50 (MY50TV-KASY)
In an effort to offer Sunday Mass in Spanish each week, not only during the time when parishioners are unable to attend Sunday Mass in their parishes due to the COVID 19 contingency, the Hispanic Ministry and Liturgy offices broadcast the Mass in Spanish on television each week. These Masses are broadcast every Sunday at 7:00am on My50TV (KASY) - channel 50 on regular television (check with your television signal provider for other channels). Please share this information with anyone who may benefit from this broadcast.

Recordings of these masses can also be viewed from 4:00pm on Saturday (pre-Sunday mass) via the Internet by visiting the following link: http://hispanministryasf.org/tv-and-radio-programs/video-collection/

For any questions regarding the transmission of the Mass in Spanish, please call the Hispanic Ministry Office at 505-831-8147.

Holy Mass can also be heard on the radio every Sunday on KNMM 1150 AM and 102.1 FM in Albuquerque at 7:00am and KNMX 540 AM in Las Vegas, NM at 8:00am.

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MONTHLY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
Next month’s meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12 at 10:00am via ZOOM.
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GIVE BETTER, LIVE BETTER – STARTING NOW: PUT ETHICALLY PRODUCED GIFTS IN YOUR LIST.
Purchase items certified as Fair Trade and add meaning to Christmas gifts by supporting the human life and dignity of workers around the world. Every partner is vetted for fair wages, safer working conditions and environmentally sustainable practices. Shop on line by visiting the SERVV Fair Trade website and purchase items on line at https://www.serrv.org/.

ADVENT: PREPARATION, ANTICIPATION, FULFILMENT

As we prepare to welcome our Lord and Savior, we joyfully wait in anticipation of the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God. The coming of Christ fulfills the promise foretold by the prophets for generations. The incarnation of Jesus Christ is the Word made flesh which brings to us the Gospel message. Inspired by the Gospels, and as disciples of Christ, we are called to spread the Good News... We do this by being living witnesses in our families and communities. We teach through our actions and by our words. We have a treasure in the Church and in Her teachings. Through Catholic Social Teaching (CST), we learn the seven themes of CST which are: 1) Life and Dignity of the Human Person, 2) Call to Family, Community and Participation, 3) Rights and Responsibilities, 4) Option for the Poor and Vulnerable, 5) The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers, 6) Solidarity and 7) Care for God’s Creation. The office of Social Justice and Respect Life is available to present for any and all Archdiocese of Santa Fe programs for youth, young adult and adult faith formation groups. Together, we can meet the challenges of teaching on-line/virtually and socially distanced. We can help you in many ways by providing presentations for your group or by helping you with the basics of setting up a virtual class/meeting. This Advent and Christmas season let us prepare, anticipate and fulfill our mission of sharing the Word with our friends, families and neighbors as we rejoice in the coming of our Savior! To schedule a presentation, to discuss themes and ideas or if you have any questions, contact Israela Garcia (see box).

ADVENT: A JOURNEY TOWARD JOY AND FORGIVENESS

Advent is a season of hopeful expectation and joyful waiting. We are reminded that Mary said “yes,” and turned to God in trust with the mystery of her motherhood. But for the woman who has said “no” to motherhood and “yes” to abortion out of fear and mistrust, Advent can remind her of her sorrow and loss. For the one who feels unforgivable, watching and waiting for the birth of the savior can emphasize her perception that she has been excluded from God’s mercy. In truth, Advent is a season of hope for all, including those who regret their abortion. Jesus’ birth brings love, peace, mercy and the promise of forgiveness to all. If Advent reminds you of your sin and sorrow, remember instead that it is the very same season that culminates in the birth of Mercy Himself: Jesus. We can again say “yes!” and accept God’s invitation to cooperate with His plan of love for each of us. For help after abortion, call the Project Rachel confidential message line: 505-831-8238.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH FROM POPE FRANCIS

“The Church’s social doctrine...is offered to all people of good will as a precious patrimony of principles, criteria and proposals that can serve as a “grammar” of care: commitment to promoting the dignity of each human person, solidarity with the poor and vulnerable, the pursuit of the common good and concern for protection of creation... (T)hese principles (serve) as a “compass” capable of pointing out a common direction... (This compass) will enable us to esteem the value and dignity of every person, to act together in solidarity for the common good, and to bring relief to those suffering from poverty, disease, slavery, armed conflicts, and discrimination. I ask everyone to take this compass in hand and to become a prophetic witness of the culture of care, working to overcome the many existing social inequalities. —Pope Francis, World Day of Peace Message, January 1, 2021.

“A CULTURE OF CARE AS A PATH TO PEACE,” THEME FOR WORLD DAY OF PEACE ON JAN. 1, 2021.

Plan a Prayer Service for Your Parish!
January 1 is the 54th World Day of Peace. This year, Pope Francis’ theme for his annual message to the world is “A Culture Of Care As A Path To Peace.” Join Pope Francis’ effort to promote world peace by planning a prayer service for World Peace Day. USCCB will have a two-page handout that can be shared with parishes, families, and schools, to encourage them to celebrate the World Day of Peace with Pope Francis. Go to https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace for resources, including the annual messages from all the popes back to 1968! The World Day of Peace is celebrated each year on the first day of January. The Holy Father’s Message is sent to all Foreign Ministers of the world, and also indicates the Holy See’s diplomatic line during the coming year. Read about other World Day of Peace messages here: http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/peace/index_en.html

AACC FR. ROLLINS LAMBERT
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

It is almost time to announce the availability of the Fr. Rollins Lambert Scholarship for African American students enrolled in our Catholic schools, grades K-8. This year, all applications are on line. Eligibility Requirements: African American student, Catholic or non-Catholic, in grades Kindergarten to Eight, enrolled or will enroll in one of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Catholic Elementary/Middle Schools, plans to attend school for the entire academic year; beginning in the Fall, applicants must have a C+ or better grade average, verified by the school administration and applicants must have a completed FACTS application and completed a FACTS Grants & Aid Assessment. Applicants must meet ALL of the eligibility requirements and deadlines to qualify. Scholarship awards may be provided for tuition or some portion of tuition and fees to applicants in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Individuals applying for a scholarship should submit a complete application online, no later than Friday, March 5, 2021. The link to access the application is https://asfcatholicschools.org/fr-rollins-lambert-scholarship. For more information please contact Gerry Harge at 505-831-0800.
AACC MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MASS, JANUARY 17, 2021 – PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!

Please join the Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community for Mass on Sunday, January 17, 10am. Join us in person at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande. In person attendance is limited currently to 125 with Covid Safe practices in force. Note: This may change if restrictions are changed by the State of New Mexico. Most Rev. John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe will be the presider. Or you can join us virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded: https://www.facebook.com/Masses-from-St-Joseph-on-the-Rio-Grande-112836890430507. Donations can be mailed to the AACC at 4000 St. Joseph Pl. NW ABQ, NM 87120 with AACC on memo line or made securely online at https://archdiocesesantafegiving.org/AACC. For more information call 505-836-3627.

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE: JOIN A NOVENA JANUARY 21-29, 2020!

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life Novena, 9 Days for Life, from the USCCB Pro-Life Secretariat. Two opportunities to participate: 1. Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. 9 Days for Life is designed so that Catholics across the nation can unite their prayers for life together. Sign up for daily reflections here: 9daysfor-life.com. 2. Here in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, you can join Archbishop Wester live at 3:00pm for both Day 1 (January 21, 2020) and Day 9 (January 29, 2020) of this beautiful novena. Join here: January 21: https://youtube.be/dhpplunuys6g and January 29: https://youtube.be/Sc-avs9bTpw.

CHECK OUT UPDATED MATERIALS FOR CATHOLICS FROM JUSTFAITH MINISTRIES

At their November 2020 meeting, the bishops’ Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) voted to offer formal support for JustFaith Ministries’ two Catholic programs, JustFaith Catholic and GoodNewsPeople. CCHD strongly encourages the use of these programs by Catholics. Both programs offer great benefit to Catholics who seek formation in the Church’s social justice tradition articulated by the Scriptures, the Church’s historical witness, theological inquiry, and Catholic social teaching.

JANUARY IS POVERTY IN AMERICA AWARENESS MONTH. HERE ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Take up Pope Francis’ challenge to create a culture of care by participating in Poverty Awareness Month in January. With Christmas ending on January 10, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we are called to reflect on our own baptism. Our baptism claims us as members of the Body of Christ, and calls us to recognize human dignity in order to achieve a just society. We have a responsibility to respond, in loving action, to the poor and destitute in our communities, especially in this time of the pandemic. According to Poverty USA, poverty affects family members, neighbors and colleagues – young and old alike. Poverty affects the healthy and sick, rural and urban.

Of these, did you know that 1 in 6 Americans and 1 in 5 children live in poverty, and 1 in 7 households in America do not know where their next meal will come from? The US Census data reports that 39.7 million people live at or below the poverty line. Did you know that: **NEW MEXICO HAS THE SECOND HIGHEST RATE OF POVERTY IN THE U.S.? Though many families are struggling, you can help magnify the voice of people who are poor or vulnerable.

What can we do? There are countless ways in which we can learn about poverty and how to be proactive:

- View and download an online (en español) and print calendar which includes daily ways to: a) learn about poverty, b) get inspired by how communities are responding, and c) take action with others.
- In addition to the calendar are longer daily reflections (en español).
- You can also sign up to receive the daily reflections by email.
- You can also sign up for Notes for Neighbors, a newsletter with resources that help you put your faith in action and love your neighbors at home and around the world.
- Share these materials with Catholics in your diocese and follow the action on Facebook and Twitter.
- Learn how you can help at www.povertyusa.org. Start exploring Poverty USA today and learn how to awaken others to the struggles of people living in poverty and how to inspire yourself and others. As Catholics, we are called to respond to this immense human suffering!
- Get more resources at this NEW webpage https://povertyusa.org/teach and be part of the solution!
- Sign up for a free webinar, The Catholic Campaign for Human Development: Putting Our Faith into Action for 50 Years. This webinar on January 12th will highlight CCHD’s work and Catholic Schools week. This is a great opportunity for Catholic Schools, parents, and students to think about how they can engage in the work of CCHD.
- Schedule a presentation for your religious education group in English or Spanish on poverty, Catholic Social Teaching (CST) and on how to fulfill our call to serve. Contact Israel Garcia – CCHD intern (see box).

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRY GATHERING 2021

"Make justice your aim (cf. Is. 1:17): Rebuilding Together."

To register or for more information visit www.CatholicSocialMinistryGathering.org

WHEN: Saturday, February 6 - Tuesday, February 9, 2021

WHERE: Virtual Gathering

WHAT: For more than 30 years, the Catholic Social Ministry Gathering (CSMG) has brought together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to address pressing current domestic and global challenges affecting our most vulnerable brothers and sisters at home and around the world. This year’s virtual gathering will include:

- Inspiring leading voices in Church and society
- Workshops with policy experts and grassroots community leaders
- Intentional opportunities for best practice-sharing among participants
- Resources from dozens of Catholic social ministry organizations
- Virtual advocacy visits with elected officials
- And much more!
- Registration cost is only $50. Click here to register.
open wide our hearts
the enduring call to love a pastoral letter against racism

“OPEN WIDE OUR HEARTS”
ANTI-RACISM WEBINAR GETS RAVE REVIEWS, SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEXT ONE!

Last month, the Social Justice & Respect Life Office and African American Catholic Community hosted the first in a series of webinars on racism exploring the U.S. Catholic bishops’ pastoral letter Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love. Deacon Arthur Miller from the Archdiocese of Hartford, CT gave a heartfelt lecture about his experiences as a Black Catholic in America. With the topic, “What is Racism?” Deacon Miller explored Catholic social doctrine, shared anticurist pioneer Jane Elliott’s work, and taught the core principles of unearned advantage and disadvantage. The evening began with an introduction by Archbishop Wester and a prayer by Rev. Benjamin Onwumelu. Over 200 people from across the country attended. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. The next webinar, entitled “Do Justice,” is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2021, which will be especially pertinent during Black History Month, following a year of worldwide protests on racism and injustice against Black Americans. For more information, please call the office (see box).

PAID CCHD INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE!
Catholic Campaign for Human Development’s (CCHD) Archdiocesan office in Albuquerque is looking for Catholics who have a passion for service and justice, to apply for a paid position, approx. 18-20 hours/week, $14/hr for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022. The internship is a great opportunity to learn more about social justice education, poverty relief, community development, economic development and Catholic social teaching. The applicant must be Catholic, have leadership experience, community service experience, and effective writing, communication and computer skills. Bilingual (English/Spanish) candidates preferred. An openness to the CCHD values of solidarity building, participation of the poor, and Catholic social teaching is essential. CCHD has particular interest in helping low-income Catholics to participate in a practical learning experience that ordinarily would be out of their reach due to financial limitations. Applications can be requested by e-mail at justice@archdioces.org. Contact Anne Avellone in the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life (see box) for more information or to request an application. Applications must be received by March 12, 2021. Don’t pass up this wonderful opportunity!

JANUARY IS NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH: LEARN HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE CHURCH’S EFFORTS TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

National Migration Week is moving from January to September. However, there is still much to do during the first month of the upcoming new year! We invite you to join us in commemorating National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month – decreed by Presidential Proclamation since 2011! We urge you to learn more and participate in the following anti-trafficking efforts. **What Can You Do to Combat Human Trafficking?**

- See our National Human Trafficking Prevention Month toolkit! Our tool kit, co-developed by the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking has excellent ways for you to work to end human trafficking in your community and with your parish. You can also join our Become a SHEPHERD community and incorporate anti-trafficking into your ministries and activities.

- See our Human Trafficking Section of the JFI Website! We encourage you to access our existing resources and learn more about what we will be working on moving forward.

- **Pray** to End Human Trafficking

- Follow Us on Social Media! During the month of January, we will be focusing on our anti-trafficking work and prevention resources. Please follow @MRSServes and @USCCBjfi

- February 8th is the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was enslaved and received her freedom with the support of the Cannossian Sisters. The Catholic Church has designated her Feast as the World Day of Prayer, Reflection, and Action against Human Trafficking.

- To celebrate, please join USCCB’s Anti-Trafficking Department, The John J. Brunetti Human Trafficking Academy, and the Coalition of Catholic Organizations against Human Trafficking to reflect and pray for the 40.3 million women, men, and children trapped in modern day slavery around the world.

WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED: NEW RESOURCES POSTED!
The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and our archdiocese have joined together in a nationwide effort called *Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service*, taking place January through December of 2021. *Walking with Moms in Need* is a year of service where Catholic parishes and communities “walk in the shoes” of local pregnant and parenting women. Everyone should know how to help moms in difficult circumstances. While not trying to turn Catholic parishes into pregnancy centers, we can support local pregnancy centers where they exist, and we can also find and share other resources with pregnant and parenting women. And where there are few local resources, we can create our own, based on the gifts of the parish community! For this Year of Service, the USCCB has developed educational, pastoral, prayer, and action-oriented resources for parish use and the Archdiocese has compiled some local resources. Watch this clip: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5x2ArhjE41c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5x2ArhjE41c). Visit [www.WalkingWithMoms.com](http://www.WalkingWithMoms.com) and [https://archdioces.org/walking-with-moms-in-need](https://archdioces.org/walking-with-moms-in-need) to learn more!

PREPARE FOR LENT:
STILL TIME TO ORDER YOUR RICE BOWLS BEFORE ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021!

God invites us to reach out beyond ourselves and encounter the needs of all. This Lent, CRS Rice Bowl—Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten faith-in-action program—invites us to reflect on the Gospel story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 with just a few Loaves and fishes and to consider the needs of the hungry around the world. Take a virtual journey with CRS to Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste! Through stories, videos and lesson plans, your community will learn about the global issue of hunger and malnutrition and our Gospel call to feed the hungry. Join more than 14,000 faith communities in 180 dioceses across the U.S. in prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent. Together, we will serve our brothers and sisters most in need around the world while forming families and faith communities to be missionary disciples. To order your Rice Bowls, contact the office (see box).
JANUARY 19 MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE 2021 60-DAY NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Allen Sanchez, Director of the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops, presents the concerns of the three Catholic Bishops of New Mexico at our New Mexico legislature in Santa Fe. The purpose of the Conference is to promote the greater good of humankind by addressing issues of moral concern and social justice as seen through the eyes of the Catholic faith. The Conference informs and educates its members and the public about those issues and encourages all to advocate for those issues and the betterment of humanity. This year is the 60-day session, beginning January 19 and ending March 20. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing restrictions, much of the session may be virtual. Stay tuned for updates on how you can participate. Life, being the greatest gift from God, is top priority, as is concern for the poor. The Bishops will support the Constitutional Amendment for 1% of the Land Grant Permanent Fund to go to early childhood efforts, and the interest rate cap for loans (including payday lenders) and will oppose efforts to change current abortion restrictions in our dormant law, to advance legalization of physician-assisted suicide, and to legalize Cannabis. Go to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe website for more legislative updates from Allen. Sign up to receive the latest information from the NM Conference of Catholic Bishops and the 2021 legislative session by calling the Office (see box).

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VISION—EVERY FAMILY, A HOLY FAMILY; EVERY HOME, A HOLY PLACE

Family: where life begins and love never ends.
Opportunities to grow in faith and love await you at www.familylifenm.org. There you will find:
- The Marriage Preparation Schedule
- Marriage Support & Enrichment Events
- The ASF Therapist Referral Network
- Natural Family Planning (NFP) Information
- Parenting
- Divorce Recovery
- Grief Support Groups
- Ministry Resources and Trainings, and more.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Evenings for the Engaged Virtual Events are from 7 to 9 pm for two weeks. Please visit www.familylifenm.org to register for one of the events. The cost is $20.00 per couple. Dates are as follow:
- January 15, 18, 22, 25, 27 and 29 OR
- February 12, 15, 19, 22, 26 OR
- March 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26

Engaged Encounter Virtual Weekends dates are listed below:
- March 6 & 7, 2021
- June 5 & 6, 2021
- September 25 & 26, 2021

The cost for this event is $30.00 per couple. Visit www.familylifenm.org to register, click under the event link. For questions, please contact the Family Life office (see box).

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Retrouvaille, a lifeline for troubled marriages. Is your marriage tearing you apart? Is there little or no meaningful communication? Are you considering separation or divorce? We believe Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille will teach you a method to re-establish communication. This three phase program consists of a weekend experience, a series of 7 follow-up sessions over a three-month period, and a monthly meeting for lifelong support. For more information or to locate a virtual weekend, please call 505-890-3495 in Albuquerque or 1-800-470-2230. You can also find us on the Web at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

ARCHDIOCESAN NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Please visit our website for information on classes available through the family life office.

A REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES:

Pope Francis Proclaims Year of St. Joseph: December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021: “Each of us can discover in Joseph - the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

Religious Education & Youth Office Website: http://www.asfym.org
Religious Education & Youth Ministry Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ASPYouthYACM/
THE SANTA FE ARCHDIOCESE COMMISSION FOR ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

For all Christians, the Christmas season is a time of quiet beauty – “God with us.” In prayerful silence, we renew ourselves with the coming of the Holy Spirit and the overshadowing power of the Most High for a child is born among us “God with us.” In response to Christ’s prayer, the Archdiocese of Santa Fe is celebrating the Week of Christian Unity (January 18-25) with the New Mexico Conference of Churches in a week-long virtual pilgrimage. Our hope is that all, clergy and laity alike, join us! For more information please go to: https://www.nmchurches.org or https://archdiosf.org

WEEK OF PRAYER AND PILGRIMAGE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
JANUARY 18-25, 2021

Step into Unity
We may not gather face-to-face, but we can still show Christian unity. If you can pray...if you can walk...

Join Christians across New Mexico:
- **Set an intention** to pray for unity among followers of Jesus. Every Pilgrimage begins with an intention.
- **Plan your pilgrimage**: everyday or a few days or one long day of walking between Jan. 18-25; your decision!
- **Plan your route**: neighborhood walks; your apartment hall & how often you’ll pray it; a hike up the mountain; time on the treadmill; daily steps devoted to prayer.
- **Go to** (http://nmpilgrimage.org) to download printed daily devotions or to view the daily meditation videos.
- **Register at** http://nmpilgrimage.org to participate in Pilgrimage orientation, commissioning and closing gatherings or to log in your accomplishments.

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ZOOM EVENTS: ORIENTATION, COMMISSIONING SERVICE, CLOSING SERVICE
Introductory video and daily meditation videos at http://nmpilgrimage.org

**BLESSINGS FROM UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON!**

VLCFF classes begin early in 2021. **January 3 is cycle 1 start date.**

**3 weeks**
- Basic Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.1 (Catechesis is...)
- Catholic Teaching on Chastity, Family Life, and Human Sexuality
- echoes of Racism: Whispers of Healing
- Emotional Intelligence and its impact on Faith Formation
- Our Hearts Were Burning

**5 weeks**
- Advanced Catholic Social Teaching (SJ)
- Bible Basics
- Catechetical Methodology - AMS Military Only
- Catholic Beliefs
- Christology
- Church History 1
- Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church
- Faith and Human Development
- Foundations for Liturgy
- Fundamentals in Deaf Faith Formation Methodologies (SN 2)
- Hope in Times of Crisis

- Images of Jesus
- Introduction to Catechesis
- Introduction to Christian Morality
- Introduction to Paul’s Life and Letters
- Introduction to Practical Morality
- Introduction to Prayer
- Introduction to Scripture
- Marianist Studies: Mary, Holy Possibility
- New Testament
- Old Testament
- On the Call to Holiness (Gaudete Et Exsultate)
- Principles for Addressing Diversity Issues in Youth
- Ministry
- RCIA: A Process of Conversion, Catechesis and Community
- Sacraments
- Spirituality in Adult Learning and Faith Formation (AFL 6)
- Study of The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)
- Survey of Catholic Doctrine
- Survey of Catholic Social Teaching
- The Mass
- Vocation, Spirituality and Discipleship of Catechists

**GROW IN FAITH ONLINE**

**With VLCFF.UDayton.edu**

During the pandemic, learning online has been an ideal way to remain highly engaged in my religious life. I completed 7 VLCFF courses in 2020 and look forward to taking more in 2021! It has been wonderful!
WINTERTALK

The Doctrine(s) of Discovery, for Pueblo, Navajo and Apache Peoples and the Churches

January 8-9, 2021 (Virtual/Online)

This is an opportunity for respectful listening to the realities and effects of government and church actions based on perceived supremacy and the stories of the effects on Indigenous people, especially in New Mexico—and to consider responses from people of faith which honor our Native neighbors.

SPEAKERS

**Rev. David Bell**, Minister for Indigenous Justice at the Center for Indigenous Ministries; speaking on the Doctrine(s) of Discovery

**Mr. Jon Ghahate**, Museum Cultural Educator, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, speaking on Indigenous people’s experience and Pueblo people’s experience

**Dr. Kayt Whitebird Orange, PhD.**, Acting Clinical Director of Behavioral Health, Mescalero Apache Nation, speaking on Apache people’s experience

**Rev. Cornelia Eaton**, Canon to the Ordinary of Ministry, Navajoland Episcopal Diocese, speaking on Navajo people’s experience

**Rev. D. Kim Fields-Haley**, Convener, Regional Connection Minister, New Mexico, El Paso and Farthest West Texas, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest

A Fee Zoom Event underwritten by Tres Ríos Area and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest Reconciliation funds, and individual contributions. Ecumenical Institute for Ministry, Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Conference, New Mexico Conference of Churches, New Mexico Conference (UMC), Our Lady of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic), Rocky Mountain Synod (ELCA), Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey (Norbertine), Synod of the Southwest (PCUSA).

Friday, January 8 from 9:00 - 5:00 pm and Saturday, January 9 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Register at [https://nmchurches.breezechms.com/form/2889ef](https://nmchurches.breezechms.com/form/2889ef)
SANCTITY OF LIFE AWARENESS AND UNITY DAY MASS - JANUARY 20, 2021

This year due to Covid-19 restrictions, the annual Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day Mass, with the 3 Bishops of New Mexico, will be live-streamed at 12 noon, Wednesday, January 20, 2021 from the Sacred Heart Cathedral in the Diocese of Gallup. There will be no march or rally in Santa Fe, but there will be opportunities to advocate for life issues in other ways. Stay tuned for more information from the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops. Streaming available at facebook.com/dioceseofgallup and at https://youtu.be/0VjcrymDXFg.

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