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NEWS RELEASE

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe is Recipient of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act

ALBUQUERQUE – Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – The Archdiocese of Santa Fe and many of its parishes and schools—along with a great many other religious entities and non-profits around the nation — applied for and received funds from the federal emergency CARES Act Payroll Protection Program (PPP). These funds provide economic assistance to businesses during this time of pandemic and reduced income so that workers and their families may not suffer the effects of layoffs, furloughs or even termination because of employers' inability to provide salaries and insurance benefits. Accordingly, these funds have assisted the archdiocese, parishes and schools to meet payroll expenses for essential employees during this worldwide emergency. The government imposes stringent accounting for all funds to ensure they are used properly and as intended.

We are thankful to receive this lifeline which has enabled us to retain our dedicated employees who continue their vital service ministries to our greater community which has been drastically affected by this pandemic. May we continue to keep all our sisters and brothers who are struggling physically, spiritually and economically in prayer and for our public health workers and scientists that they may soon find a cure.

Archbishop John C. Wester--END