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NEWS RELEASE

**Archbishop John C. Wester to Ordain
Five Seminarians to the Transitional Diaconate and
One Seminarian to the Priesthood**

**Transitional Diaconate Ordination Mass
St. Joseph on the Rio Grande
5901 St. Joseph's Dr. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120
Thursday, May 20, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

**Priesthood Ordination Mass
Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe
131 Cathedral Pl., Santa Fe, NM 87504
Saturday, May 22, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

ALBUQUERQUE – Wednesday, May 19, 2021—IMMEDIATE RELEASE-- Archbishop John C. Wester will ordain five seminarians to the transitional diaconate in the Roman Catholic Church, Thursday, May 19, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande in Albuquerque, and one seminarian to the priesthood on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe. The invitation-only Ordination to the Transitional Diaconate will be live-streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/Masses-from-St-Joseph-on-the-Rio-Grande-112836890430507> . The invitation-only Ordination to the Priesthood will be live-streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1TyGfdGLBQo>

The seminarians to be ordained to the transitional diaconate are Daniel Dupre, Agustín Henderson, Franklin Iwuagwu, Darrell Segura, and Adrian Sisneros. The diocesan deacons will be referred to as “Rev. Mr.” These men will be given the authority to baptize, witness marriages and preach the Gospel. They will make the promise of obedience to Archbishop John C. Wester, to his successors and will be welcomed by their brother deacons during the rite. Upon ordination to the diaconate, they will be under Archbishop Wester’s and his successor’s authority.

Rev. Mr. Jordan Sanchez will be ordained a Roman Catholic priest in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe on Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Brief biography provided by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Vocations

Rev. Mr. Jordan Sánchez was born on August 1, 1993 in Charlotte, NC to Angela Clarke and Randy Sánchez. He grew up in Albuquerque with his younger sister, Amber and his late half-brother, Cole. In his youth, he was a parishioner of St. Joseph's on the Rio Grande parish in Albuquerque, he is now registered at St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho. He is grateful to the priests at both who have in some way nurtured his vocation. He graduated from St. Pius X High School in 2011, and then went to UNM for his first year of college. He was accepted into the seminary and was sent to Holy Trinity Seminary near Dallas, TX for four years. During his summers away from the seminary, he was stationed at a variety of places around the archdiocese. He is grateful for his time at each of these: San Isidro in Corrales, the Catholic Charismatic Center in Albuquerque, San Juan Bautista and Tewa Missions in Ohkay Owingeh, St. Thomas Aquinas Newman Center in Albuquerque, and St. Anne's in Tucumcari. After graduating with his undergraduate degree in Philosophy in Dallas, he was sent to Mt. Angel Seminary near Portland, OR, where he completed his graduate studies. After his second year in Oregon, he spent a year at Santa Maria de la Paz in Santa Fe for a pastoral internship. He can't wait to serve as a priest for the rest of his life.

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