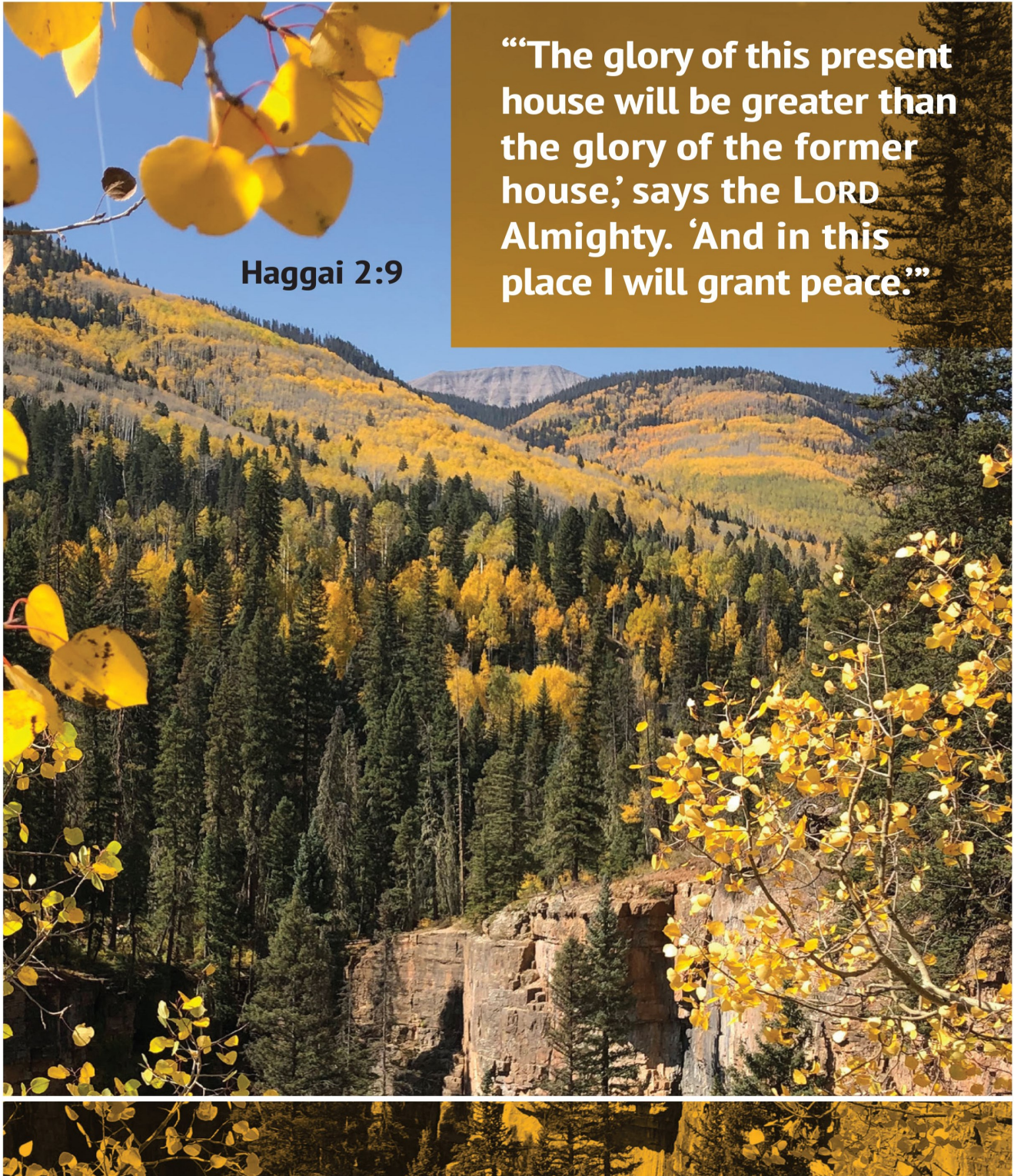




# El Diácono



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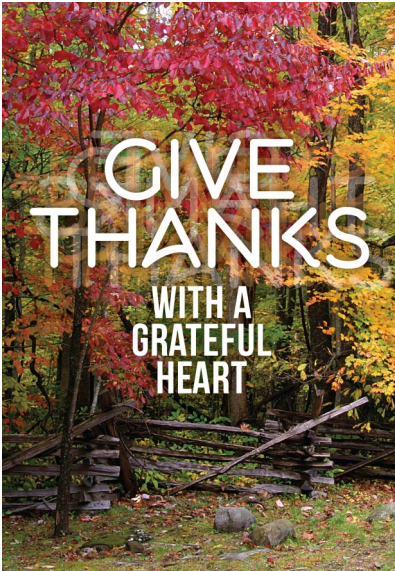
Haggai 2:9

“The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the LORD Almighty. ‘And in this place I will grant peace.’”





## From the Desk of the Director



Fall is here. Some of us who have been dealing with a rather warm summer may be a bit more excited about that fact.

Fall means a lot of things in our wonderful state. The leaves turning beautiful colors, the earth transitioning toward winter, the first snowfall, Halloween, All Saints Day, Thanksgiving, Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations and much more.

It is also a time to give thanks. And our deacon community has much to be grateful for. This past month we were able to gather for the first time in seven years for retreat. Most of us had that experience provided for by our parishes who clearly appreciate our ministry.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve not only as a deacon, but as the director of the Deacon Office and of Deacon Formation. Serving our archbishop by serving you is an honor and certainly a privilege. Of course, I am also grateful for you and the ministry you provide.

The results of the survey we conducted earlier this year are quite revealing. Did you know that 60% of us get absolutely no compensation for our ministry – not even reimbursement for expenses! You are a blessing to the Church, and I want to know that your ministry is greatly appreciated.

The survey also confirmed what we already suspected – our diaconate is aging. The vast majority of deacons who completed the survey (thanks to the 144 of you who did that!) are over the age of 60, with nearly half being over the age of 70. This speaks strongly to the need for us to recruit younger men for holy orders. The good news is that we will be ordaining some younger men this next June and we have several aspirants who are in their early 40s.

A summary of the survey results is located on page 8 of this newsletter.

I invite all of us to spend some time reflecting on what we have to be grateful for. God is the source of all that we have and all that we are.

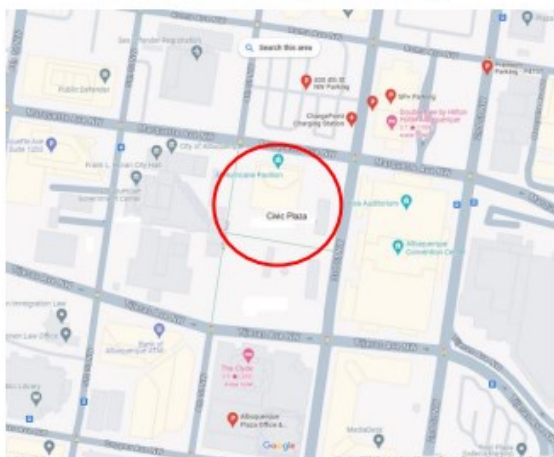




**Welcome Nuestra Señora de la Paz,  
brought by La Cofradia**



**Consecration of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe  
to the  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
and the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary**



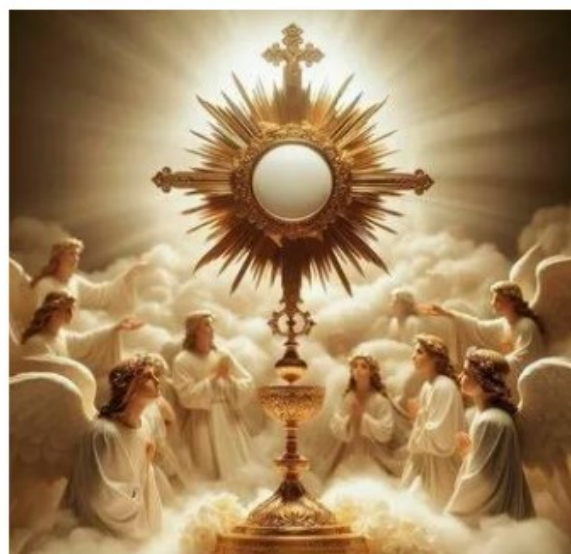
**Join Archbishop John C. Wester  
In Praying for Our Nation at the Rosary Rally**

**When: Sunday October 6, 2024**

**Time: 2:00 to 3:30 PM**

**Where: The Albuquerque Civic Plaza**

**Rosaries, chairs, water, bathrooms,  
security, medical assistance provided**



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**



**Rosary makers: Please contact Nicole Turietta at 505-220-1159 for  
donation of rosaries**

**Monetary donations to offset costs for the Rosary Rally are welcome.**

**For more information, call Deacon Tony Rivera at 505-410-9707 or  
Deacon Pat Sena at 505-228-4936**



## Rebuild My Church Update

The Rebuild my Church Core Team continues their work in building a pastoral plan for the Archdiocese which will be customized for each deanery. In fact, the deaneries are the focal point of much of the “rebuilding” activity. Their efforts will continue through March. Your support for this process is critical so please support the work of your respective deans in this effort.

The five reflection themes for the Rebuild My Church initiative came from the synodal process held last year.

- a. Education and Formation
- b. The Role of Women
- c. The Life of the Spirit
- d. Ecumenical and Interfaith Dialogue and Events, and
- e. Cultivating a culture of synodality that emphasizes listening and understanding.



Stay tuned for more information as the process progresses.

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## Retreat Videos Available

Thanks to all of you who made our recent Deacon Community Retreat a success! The evaluations indicate that the retreat was a powerful experience of spiritual enlightenment and community.

Special thanks to the retreat team and to Deacon Andy Carrillo who worked so hard at securing our retreat master, Fr. Ron Rolheiser.

If you would like to revisit the talks that Fr. Rolheiser gave at the retreat, they are available under the “Retreat” tab on the Deacon Office website: <http://santafedeacons.net/retreat2024.html>

A collection was taken up at the retreat Mass for the St. Stephen fund. **\$2,131** was contributed. Thanks to you all!

The **\$975** raised at the retreat Silent Auction will be split between the St. Stephen Fund and the Deacon Continuing Education and Scholarship Fund. Again, many thanks to all who participated in this event and who donated items.



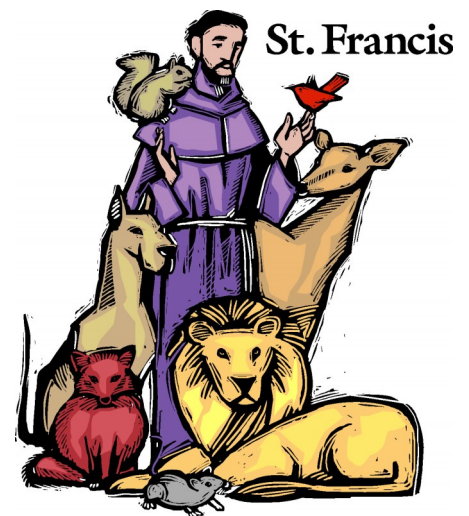




## Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials

### October through December

October 1	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
October 2	Holy Guardian Angels
October 4	St. Francis of Assisi
October 7	Our Lady of the Rosary
October 15	St. Teresa of Jesus
October 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch
October 18	St. Luke
October 19	St. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues
October 28	St. Simon and Jude
November 1	All Saints
November 2	All the Faithful Departed
November 4	St. Charles Borromeo
November 9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
November 11	St. Martin of Tours
November 12	St. Francis Xavier Cabrini
November 21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
November 22	St. Cecilia
November 24	Christ, King of the Universe
November 30	St. Andrew
December 3	St. Francis Xavier
December 7	St. Ambrose
December 9	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 12	Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 13	St. Lucy
December 14	St. John of the Cross
December 25	The Nativity of the Lord
December 26	St. Stephen
December 27	St. John
December 28	The Holy Innocents





## Deacon Candidates of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, 2024

**FOLLOW HIS Example**

Steve Garcia  
Queen of Heavens, ABO

Tyler Cole  
Nativity of the BVM, ABO

Arthur Trujillo  
OLO Guadalupe, Parola

Francisco Martinez  
St. Jude Thaddeus, ABO

Emilio Brizal  
OLO Someros, LV

Bryan Huffaker  
Peace of Peace, ABO

Guadalupe Soos  
Sacred Heart, Clovis

Rick Sanchez  
Nativity of the BVM, ABO

Ricardo Mancas  
OLO Someros, LV

Jeff McCarthy  
Cristo Rey, SF

Anthony Martinez  
OLO Guadalupe, Taos

Francisco Rodriguez  
Sacred Heart, Clovis

Justy Griggs  
San Miguel, Socorro

Ruby Bart  
San Felipe, ABO

Is God calling You?  
Deacon Formation:  
<http://santafedeacons.net/formation.htm>

## NEW FORMATION COHORT BEING FORMED

Currently, we have two cohorts of men in deacon formation, 2025 & 2028. Get ready because we are starting a new cohort with an anticipated ordination in 2030. A promotional campaign has begun with posters and brochures sent to parishes. If you know of a man who you feel might make a good deacon, please discuss it with your pastor and, with his approval, encourage him in his vocation. A good place to start is to send him to the Deacon website: <http://santafedeacons.net/index.htm/files/Becoming%20a%20Deacon.pdf>

An information meeting will be held at the Deacon Office on November 2 (and streamed via Zoom). Register online by clicking [HERE](#).



Mentors are needed for the growing number of men (and their spouses) in formation. We are looking for deacons and their wives to provide mentoring for up to three couples from your deanery. Training is provided. The time commitment is about two to three hours per month for this very rewarding ministry. You must have at least three years of ordination experience to qualify. Check with Dcn. Doug Feery, Deacon Mentor Coordinator at [dopayfee@gmail.com](mailto:dopayfee@gmail.com).



## Deacons, Should You be a CRS Global Fellow?



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is looking for permanent deacons who would like to serve the Universal Church as CRS Global Fellows. CRS follows the example of Jesus Christ, assisting those who are poor and suffering

in more than 100 countries on the basis of need, without regard to race, religion or nationality. As the official international humanitarian agency of the United States Catholic Church, CRS works overseas with the local Church, partners, and program participants to build stronger, more resilient communities while promoting the sacredness and dignity of all human life. The work of CRS is overseen by the USCCB.

The CRS Global Fellows program provides an opportunity for permanent deacons and priests to engage in this crucial work of the Church.

The Global Fellows program is for permanent deacons in good standing who are:

- Passionate about linking the global work of the Catholic Church to Catholics in the U.S.
- Open to learning about global hunger and climate change.
- Able to preach/present at minimum three times a year within their diocese on global solidarity and the mission of CRS (paid travel outside of diocese as optional).
- Willing to engage in legislative advocacy and facilitating community giving.
- Interested in occasional travel overseas to observe and participate in the work of CRS.

The deadlines to apply to be a CRS Global Fellow are September 30th and March 30th each year. To learn more about the program, contact Deacon Robert Vigil or Deacon Keith Davis, who both currently serve as Global Fellows from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Please feel free to reach out to CRS Clergy Staff at [globalfellows@crs.org](mailto:globalfellows@crs.org) directly with any questions.







## Survey Results

A survey of deacons in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe was conducted in the spring of 2024. It was conducted online utilizing a standard form; however, a few responders were assisted in completing the survey. 144 deacons (out of approximately 200) completed the survey (72%).

The respondents were mostly active deacons residing in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. It is an older demographic. The vast majority (74%) are over the age of 60 and 36% are over the mandatory age of retirement (70). However, most (58%) of the respondents were ordained within the past 15 years. More than half live in the greater Albuquerque area (Deaneries A, B and C).

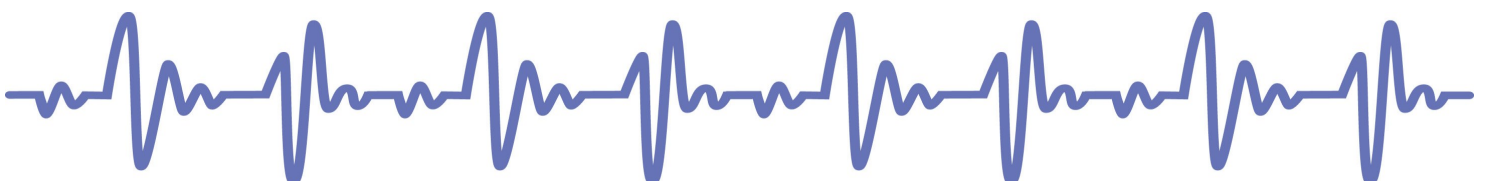
This portrait of the diaconate in the archdiocese reveals a majority (65%) of our deacons identify as Hispanic/Latino. The second largest ethnicity is Caucasian/white (29%). There are more Asian/Pacific Islanders than there are Native Americans.

Our deacons are generally well educated with 60% holding college degrees and almost 40% holding a graduate degree. 10% hold a graduate degree in a religious field.

Deacons provide a great deal of both parochial and extra parochial ministry and most of that is provided for free. 75% provide at least 5 hours of ministry in their parish with only 40% receiving any type of compensation. 72% also have a ministry outside of their parish.

Deacons are involved in a wide variety of ministries both within and outside of the parish. While the parish involvement of the deacons is mostly in faith formation, their ministry outside of the parish centers more on outreach to the poor and the sick.

In close coordination with Archbishop John C. Wester and in union with deacons throughout the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, the results of this survey are intended to help the Deacon Personnel Board recommend better informed decision options for Archbishop Wester's consideration, as needed. The survey results have both revealed and affirmed resource management and demographic challenges that we plan to better assess and address in near future. Your participation in this survey has been extremely helpful and we thank you for your cooperation and patience as we collectively strive to best serve the people of our Archdiocese in the spirit of "Diakonia" and our ongoing "Rebuild My Church" endeavor.







Join Deacon Andres Carrillo & Deacon Keith Davis on a  
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## Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Rome and visit the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls and pass through the Holy Door.

Day 2: St. John Lateran, the Holy Stairs, St. Mary Major and the Jubilee for Deacon's events

Day 3: St. Peter's Basilica and Jubilee for Deacon's events.

Day 4: St. Sebastian, the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain and Jubilee for Deacon's events

Day 5: St. Lawrence, Orvieto & Assisi

Day 6: Assisi

Day 7: Siena

Day 8: Return home

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
 may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ,  
 our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled  
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the  
 blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of  
 the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity  
 and the whole cosmos  
 in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,  
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will  
 shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of  
 Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that  
 same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
 throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for  
 ever.

Amen

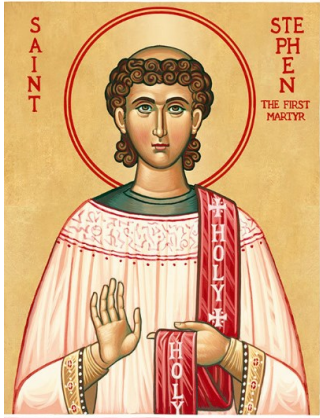


For more information, or to register,  
 scan the code below.





## St. Stephen Fund



This fund is established according to the Archdioceses of Santa Fe by-laws and constitution. It is an approved fund for the designated purpose of giving financial assistance to Permanent Deacons and/or their wives. The St Stephen Fund is intended to be temporary assistance during a time of crisis or when grave financial need has been identified. Assistance from the fund is intended to be a one-time gift, but under certain circumstances the St Stephen Fund Committee may decide to help on more than one occasion. The Permanent Deacon or widow requesting assistance must complete a Request for Assistance form and send to the St Stephen Fund Committee for review and then forward to the Office of the Director of Deacons for action.

### Direct Contributions

You can now make direct contributions to the St Stephen's Fund through the link below.

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=Twvtgk>

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# VIRTUS<sup>®</sup> Online

Just a reminder that all deacons must remain in compliance with the Archdiocesan Call to Protect protocols, including keeping current (every five years) with your VIRTUS training. If you are not certain if you are in compliance, you can look it up at the link below, or contact Yolanda at the Deacon Office.

[English Virtus Link](#)

[Spanish Virtus Link](#)

The Office of Deacons would like to thank you for your ministry to the Church, The Archdiocese of Santa Fe, and to the many services provided to the people of God and the entire community. May God Bless you abundantly!





## Diaconate Information

### Director of Deacon Formation: Deacon Keith Davis

Cohort 2025

Current Class size: 14 Candidates  
Ordination in 2025



Cohort 2028

Current Class size: 17 Aspirants  
Ordination in 2028

### Next Deacon In-Service

TBA  
Spring, 2025



## Deacon Council Update

At the recent Deacon Community Retreat, revisions to the Deacon Council Constitution were unanimously approved. The changes affect the membership of the Deacon Council, making it easier to fill vacancies and increasing the size of the council so that it more accurately reflects the members of the deacon community. For example, at-large members will be appointed from among the deacon wives, senior (over the age of 70) deacons, newly ordained deacons, etc. While the Constitution still calls for representatives to be elected by their deaneries, it allows for appointment of representatives in the event the deanery fails to elect in a timely fashion.

The Deacon Council is currently on suspension while it is being reformed. The hope is to resume regular meetings in 2025. If you are interested in serving as a representative on the Deacon Council, please contact Dcn. Keith Davis at the Deacon Office.





# Rest in Peace

## Pray for the Dead

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. ~Amen~



### Deacon Telesforo Ricardo Chavez

Ordained July 12, 2003, serving at Risen Savior Catholic Community, San Martin de Porres and Holy Ghost Parishes and as airport chaplaincy at the Albuquerque International Sunport in 2006, and lastly, appointed as Spiritual Advisor for the Spanish Movement (Cursillo) 2023. Passed on September 7, 2024, age 71.

### Deacon Jose Segura

Ordained on July 23, 2003, served at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pena Blanca and surrounding communities for 21 years. Passed on July 19, 2024, age 76.



### Deacon Norbert Sanchez

Ordained May 20, 1978, assigned to Our Lady of Belen, Belen, retiring in 2004; then serving as a retired deacon at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish. Passed August 1, 2024, age 86.

Deacon Norbert was in the class of 1978 which was the first organized class of deacon candidates for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in 1974 under Archbishop Robert F. Sanchez. He also served as a Director of the Permanent Diaconate for the archdiocese as a volunteer position in 1993.

October 1	Tiburcio Chavez (2012)	November 20	Pat Santistevan (2004)
October 2	Michael Siegal (2013)	November 21	James Silva, Jr. (1990)
October 4	Lorenzo Castillo (2017)	November 25	Chester S. Kazek (2006)
October 14	Kenneth Hill (2013)	November 29	Sandy Hall (2014)
October 23	Paul G. Maestas (2001)	November 29	Ben Vigil (2016)
October 25	Lloyd Martinez (2015)	November 29	Felix Barela (2018)
October 26	Juan G. Martinez (2020)		
October 28	Gerald Chavez (2015)		
October 29	Charles V. Johnson (2020)		
November 9	Hector Auguirre (2016)		
November 12	Oscar Braune (1995)		
November 13	Jerry Langner (2011)		
November 14	John Russo (2022)		

Note: The memorials listed are found in the Ordo for Region XIII. As of the date of this newsletter, the ordo for 2025 had not yet been published, that is why we do not have the memorials for December. These will be posted in the next issue.

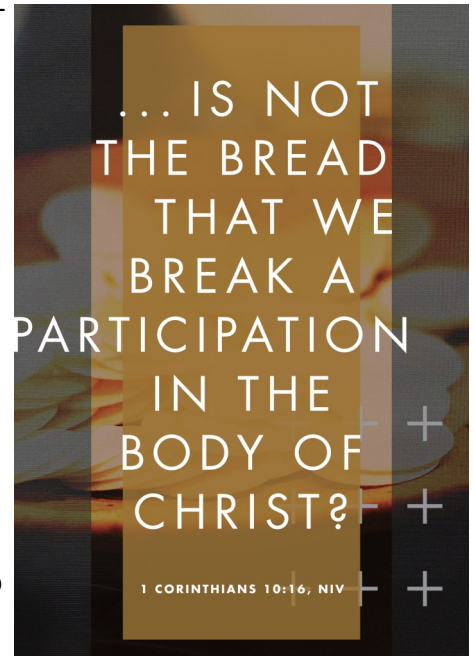




## Revised Rite for Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside of Mass

The USCCB has issued a new rite for “communion services” as well as adoration and benediction. The rite is to be promulgated this year on the First Sunday of Advent. Ritual books are now available via most major publishers.

**The new rite for holy communion outside of Mass** does not include a lot of changes, but will help ministers with a more uniform ritual. It is rather simple. There is no procession. The deacon, vested in alb and stole, will be seated in the sanctuary and simply begins with the greeting. After the greeting, the minister leads a penitential act. There is no collect, so the rite goes immediately to the readings of the day, a short homily, and the Universal Prayer. After the Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar (a corporal should have been placed ahead of time), the Lord’s Prayer is said followed by a sign of peace. The deacon then takes a host and shows it to the assembly saying: “Behold the Lamb of God...”



After communion is distributed, there is a prayer after communion (there are several options available) and concludes with a blessing and dismissal. He then simply leaves the sanctuary after reverencing the altar (and genuflecting toward the tabernacle if it is present).

It is interesting that the only mention of music is during the communion rite.

**Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest (SCAP)** have not changed since the last revision in 2014, Note that the new rite of Holy Communion Outside of Mass is very different from the SCAP ritual. SCAP should NEVER be used for Holy Communion Outside of Mass—it is reserved for the Sunday Celebration only.

**Adoration and Benediction** largely remain the same. Benediction begins with the hymn *Tantum Ergo* (or another Eucharistic song) while the monstrance is incensed. After a call to prayer, a collect is said. Then the Deacon puts on the humeral veil, genuflects, and makes the Sign of the Cross over the people with the Blessed Sacrament.

The Divine Praises are said prior to placing the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. After the Blessed Sacrament has been placed back in the Tabernacle, the deacon genuflects while the people sing a hymn. He then leaves.

### Eucharistic Reservation

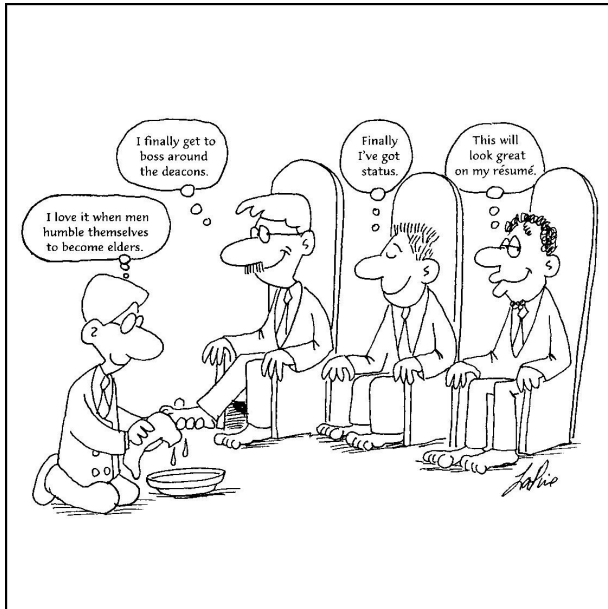
HOLY COMMUNION  
and WORSHIP of  
the EUCHARISTIC MYSTERY  
OUTSIDE MASS

Paul Turner

Fr. Paul Turner has an excellent commentary on the new rite: *Eucharistic Reservation: Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharistic Mystery Outside of Mass*. It is available through the Liturgical Press.



## Just for Fun!

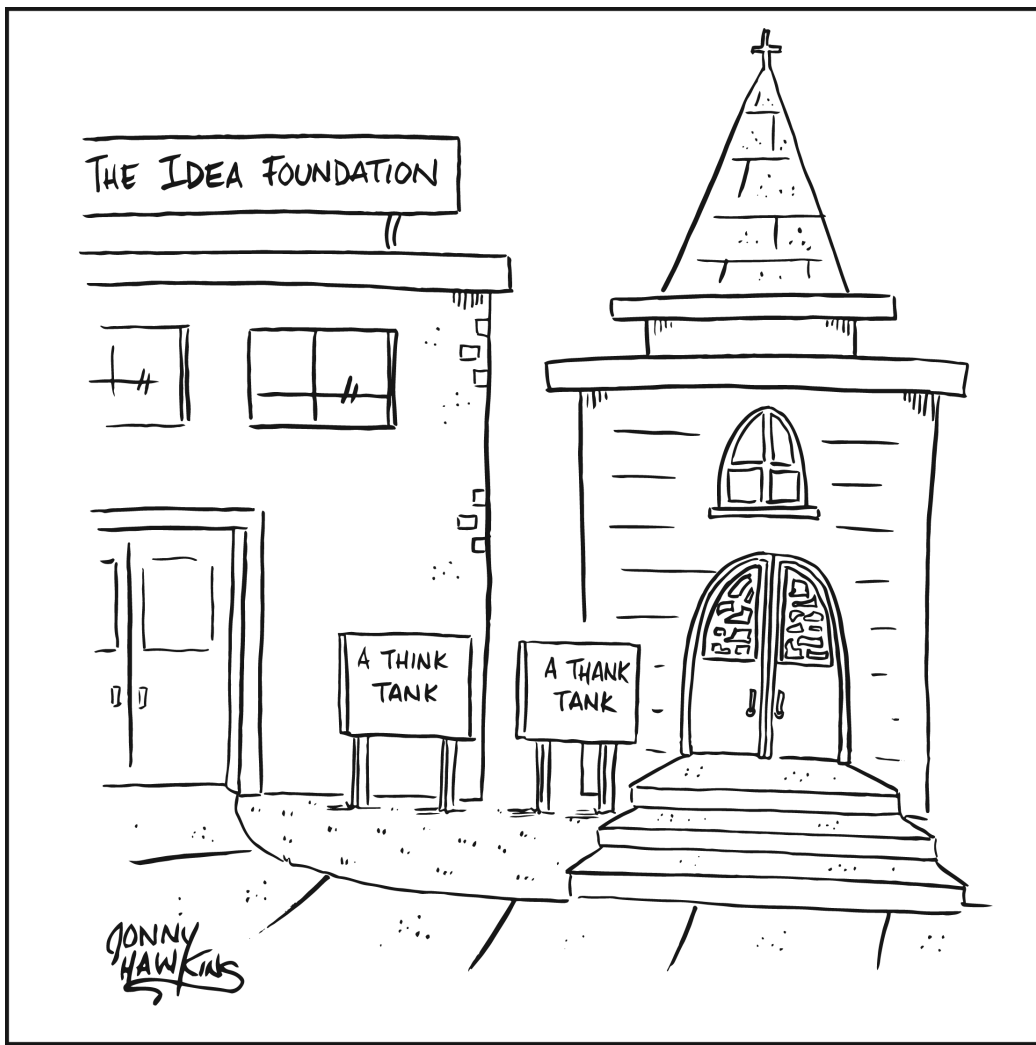


**Deacons: Update your contact information. If your personal contact information has changed, please inform the Diaconate Office. This helps facilitate communication between you, the Diaconate Community and the Archdiocese. Phone 505-831-8246 or email the Diaconate Secretary at [ylovato@asfnm.org](mailto:ylovato@asfnm.org)**

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**Keep in mind if there is any information you would like to include in the El Diácono Newsletter that would be of interest to the Deacon Community, i.e., special events, accomplishments, ministry work, etc., please inform the Diaconate Office and we will be happy to announce it. With the publication of this newsletter, we will be especially looking for events in the January through March 2025 time frame with a submission deadline of December 10th, 2024 to the Director of the Office of Deacons.**





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