



# PMD EXPRESS



**Archdiocese of Santa Fe Pastoral Ministries Division**

**December 2024**

**Under the Leadership of Archbishop John C. Wester**

**The Pastoral Ministries Division is “Called by God, Sent to Serve”**



*Join us in celebrating  
Our Lady of Guadalupe*



The Office of Hispanic Ministry, together with the Hispanic/Latino Commission, invite you to the Annual Archdiocesan Celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe

**On Friday, December 6, 2024**

**At San Jose Parish**  
(2401 Broadway Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87102)

Main Celebrant: **Rev. Eulalio Arteaga Piñón**

5:00pm Holy Mass

With the presence of  
Native American and Matachines Dancers,  
Mariachi, and Folkloric Dancers

Followed by a procession, prayer and reception

**All are welcome!**

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**Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us...**



**Join the Pastoral Outreach Office**

**Advent Mass for the Families of the  
Incarcerated**

**Saturday, December 7, 2024**

**Sacred Heart  
Catholic Church  
309 Stover Ave SW  
Albuquerque, NM 87102**

**Rosary at 4:30pm  
Mass at 5pm**



For more information,  
contact the  
Pastoral Outreach Office at  
505-831-8174.

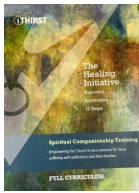


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**iTHIRST Ministry**

A ministry of Spiritual Companionship training and empowering our Church to be a resource for those suffering with addictions and their families as a healing initiative. In our archdiocese we have had several people (both English and Spanish speaking) certified as iTHIRST Spiritual Companions through Seton Hall University. If you would like more information please call Pastoral Outreach (see box).

**Meet Paul Robledo**

Paul Robledo, a dedicated husband and father, has spent the last 36 years building a life centered around family and business.

During his professional journey, Paul discovered an unexpected intersection between entrepreneurship and his calling to serve others.

He found ways to apply the skills he gained in business to helping those in need. Inspired by the teachings of Saint Francis, he embodies the principle that "it is in giving that we receive." This philosophy has led him to work closely with marginalized communities, offering love and support without expectation.

One of Paul's most significant achievements is his involvement with individuals on the margins of society. At Francis House, where he helps serve over 150 people a day, he also works with 14- to 16-year-olds incarcerated in the local juvenile detention center. (Volunteers are always needed for both of these ministries.) Paul draws inspiration from the book *Tattoos on the Heart*, striving not just to serve but to stand in solidarity with those in need. His commitment is driven by a desire to uplift others and share the profound joy he finds in these connections.

Before attending his ACTS retreat in 2018, Paul's focus was largely on building wealth and accumulating possessions. However, following the spiritual awakening he experienced during the retreat, he realized that true happiness lies in serving others and nurturing his relationship with Christ.

**Thresholds Prayer Group**

Join us **every Wednesday** at 7:30pm via Zoom, as we pray the rosary. We dedicate the rosary to those in prison, their family members, and victims/survivors. To join by Zoom, [click here](#). Please share the link with Mentees, Alumni, and anyone you feel will be interested.

**Casa Angelica Wishlist 2025**

Pastoral Outreach, Disability Ministry is asking for donations for Casa Angelica it is a home for children and young adults with developmental disabilities. Donations are needed by January 3, 2025 to be delivered by the Epiphany. ***If you plan to drop off donations please call the office at 505-831-8174 to schedule a drop off time. Thank you!***

<b>Paper Goods</b>	Paper Towels Toilet Paper (Bathroom tissue) Facial Tissue	Disposable Bowls Disposable Coffee Cups Paper Plates (Small & Regular)
<b>Cleaning Supplies</b>	Antibacterial Liquid Hand Soap Disinfectant Wipes Disinfectant Spray	Powder Laundry Detergent 13 Gallon Garbage Bags 33 Gallon Garbage Bags
<b>Toiletries</b>	Bath Towels (new) Twin size Sheet Sets (new) Shampoo & Conditioner	Unscented Lotion Body Wash Dental Floss
<b>Main Activities</b>	White Card Stock White Envelopes 9x12	Astrobrights Colored Paper Astrobrights Colored Card Stock
<b>Kitchen</b>	3 - 12' Frying Pans Nonstick (no teflon) 3 - 8' Sauté Pans Nonstick (no teflon) 2 - Large Dutch Oven Stock Pots (stove to oven)	1 -Muffin Tin 3 - Cookie Sheets 1 - Hand Mixer 3 - Oven Mitts 3 - Large Serving Spoons (Metal)



**Deaf Retreat**

On November 9, 2024 we had a Deaf Retreat at Sacred Heart in Albuquerque with Fr. Thom Duston and visited the 9/11 beams in the Chapel.

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**Marriage Preparation**

**Weekends for the Engaged**

Couples must attend the whole weekend. Please visit [www.familylifefnm.org](http://www.familylifefnm.org) to register for one of the events. The cost is \$85.00 per couple. 2025 dates are:

- February 7-9, 2025
- September 19-21, 2025
- November 14-16, 2025



**Evenings for Engaged at St. Jude Parish, Albuquerque**

To register, please call 505-898-0826.

- February 18, 20, 25, 27 and March 1
- May 6, 8, 13, 15 and 17
- July 22, 24, 29, 31 and August 2
- November 4, 6, 11, 13 and 15

**Pre-Cana de Santa Fe**

Pre-Cana classes at St. Anne Parish in Santa Fe. To register or more information call 505-690-7451.

- January 23-25
- April 24-26
- July 24-26
- October 23-25

**Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning**

⇒ **Creighton Model FertilityCare System**—  
[www.stjosephfertilitycare.org](http://www.stjosephfertilitycare.org)

⇒ **Couple to Couple League**—  
<https://ccli.powerappsportals.com/en-US/>

For questions, please contact the Family Life office (see box).

**Retrouvaille**

Marriage Help - Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information call 505-890-3495 or visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org).

**Comfort, Hope & Healing:  
 Suicide Loss Support Group**

The Family Life Office along with the support of Archbishop John C. Wester would like to announce a new support group for individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. The program is being led by suicide loss survivors. Those interested in participating in the 8 week discussion group, please contact the Office of Family Life (see box). Group will start meeting on Monday, January 27, 2025 at Risen Savior Catholic Community Parish, located at 7701 Wyoming Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 starting at 4:00 pm. This program is funded by the Catholic Foundation.

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**February 7, 2025**

Marriage Enrichment Valentine's Dance  
 Queen of Heaven Catholic Church  
 5300 Phoenix Ave NE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87110

**February 14-16, 2025**

Marriage Enrichment Weekend Experience—Spanish  
 San José Parish  
 2401 Broadway Blvd SE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87102

**April 11-12, 2025**

Marriage Enrichment Weekend Experience  
 St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church  
 5712 Paradise Blvd NW  
 Albuquerque, NM 87114

**Monthly Potluck Get-Togethers**

*The purpose of this ministry is to strengthen and enrich the relationship between a man, a woman, and God during the couple's journey through the sacrament of marriage.*

*Potlucks take place at 6:30pm, all in Albuquerque.  
 Free childcare is provided.*

January 17, 2025

St. John XXIII Catholic Community

February 7, 2025

Queen of Heaven

March 21, 2025

St. John XXIII Catholic Community

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

Annual Native American Ministry Advent Celebration will be on Sunday, December 15, 2024 at 2pm at St. Augustine Church in Isleta Pueblo. This event is free; however, we do ask those attending to bring a new, unwrapped gift for a child between the ages of 1-18. All toys will be donated to the children of the Albuquerque Indian Center. Space is limited! RSVP is needed, please call the office for more information and to RSVP.





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### View CRS Rice Bowl Workshop Kickoff Planning for Lent 2025



This coming Lent 2025, CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communi-

ties like yours encounter God and our global family! Preview CRS Rice Bowl 50th anniversary resources, share ideas and learn best practices. This one-hour virtual workshop will be offered in English with simultaneous interpretation in Spanish. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFvVKvRxNrM>

If you need planning tools for your parish or school, visit [www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org) for a variety of resources including:

- A planning timeline.
- Lenten advertisements.
- Template letter to families and more.

► If you haven't already done so, be sure to order your rice bowls by calling the office.

### Save the dates: CRS Rice Bowl "Promoter" Workshops in Spanish and English. Pre-Register now!

On January 16 (Spanish) on January 22 (English), 2025 CRS Rice Bowl will offer workshops on best practices to present stories & impact of CRS Rice Bowl. As a CRS Rice Bowl Promoter, you will be able to present in your local parish community to raise awareness of global hunger & encourage participation in CRS Rice Bowl. Pre-registration required. Click registration link to pre-register.

**Spanish Workshop: Thursday, January 16, 2025 – time TBD**

**Registration Link:** <https://bit.ly/4emSwRd>

**English Workshop: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – 7:00 pm ET**

**Registration Link:** <https://bit.ly/3TvtYxn>

### Mark Your Calendars and Save These January Dates!

**World Day of Peace on January 1. Plan a Prayer Service for Your Parish!** January 1 is the 58th World Day of Peace. Go to [https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-  
action/human-life-and-](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 For-

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: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/index.html>. Read more about how to pray, learn, and act with this [World Day of Peace](#) [handout](#).

**WHAT YOU CAN DO:** Resources for Peace

1. **Plan.** Use these resources with your community. Read more about how to pray, learn, and act with this [World Day of Peace](#) [handout](#). [Communities of Salt and Light](#) features stories of communities engaging in political work for the common good.

2. **Pray.** Use one of these [nine ways](#) to pray at [We Are Salt and Light](#) to pray for all those in need of peace in your community and around the world.

3. **Learn.** As faithful citizens, we must seek to understand the political and social issues that lead to poverty and conflict which [threatens the lives of our brothers and sisters throughout the world](#). [Learn](#) about these issues and read [stories of hope](#) to learn how faith communities are answering the call to work for peace and justice.

4. **Act.** Join tens of thousands of Catholics to advocate for policies that seek justice and peace in the U.S. and around the world.

Take action today by visiting [CRS.org/LeadTheWay](http://CRS.org/LeadTheWay). Learn more about the annual [Catholic Social Ministry Gathering](#) where Catholics gather to pray for God's justice to be realized, learn about poverty in the U.S. and abroad, and advocate for the poor and vulnerable to our elected leaders.

### PREPARE FOR POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH IN JANUARY

Let's challenge ourselves by participating in Poverty Awareness month this January. According to Poverty USA, more than 1.5 million children experience homelessness in a year and more than 38 million Americans live in poverty. Poverty is home to 1 in 10 families and 1 in 5 children. Our neighbors, elders, veterans, friends and children do not have enough income, resources, or assistance to meet their most basic needs. They struggle to afford food, housing, transportation, healthcare, utilities and childcare. Catholic Social Teaching, teaches us



about the 'preferential option for the poor', that in order to improve life for the poor, we should speak for the voiceless and defend the defenseless. Though many families are struggling, you can help magnify the voice of people who are poor or vulnerable.

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](#).

Share these materials with Catholics in your diocese and follow the action on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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! Learn how you can help at [www.povertyusa.org](http://www.povertyusa.org). Download the daily reflection calendar (available in English and Spanish) for the month of January that has links to stories and prayers of how you can help! Get more resources at <https://povertyusa.org/teach> and be part of the solution!



### Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day Mass Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 12 Noon

This year the annual Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day Mass will be on Tuesday, January 28 at 12 Noon, at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Santa Fe. The Mass with the 3 Bishops of New Mexico will also be live-streamed at <https://youtu.be/MknJggedWyg>. There will be no march, only a Prayer Rally at the Roundhouse at 1:30pm. Stay tuned for more information about this Mass.

### Catholic Social Ministry Gathering January 25-28, 2025 "Missionaries of Hope, Advocates for Justice"

The [Catholic Social Ministry Gathering](#)

(CSMG) is an annual conference organized by USCCB's Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development in collaboration with [20 national Catholic organizations and 10 other departments of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops](#). It is rooted in the Word of God, the Sacraments, and the Church's living Catholic social tradition. The Gathering builds solidarity, knowledge, and skills among social ministry leaders in local dioceses, religious congregations, Catholic educational institutions, and other national Catholic organizations. Together, we live and share the Church's social mission for the common good and the evangelization of the world.

The upcoming in-person gathering will include:

- Inspiring speakers and grassroots voices in the Church and society
- Workshops with policy experts and community leaders
- Intentional opportunities for best practice-sharing among participants
- Exhibits from dozens of Catholic social ministry organizations
- Advocacy visits with elected officials
- And much more!
- Registration is \$400 for this multi-day event. Limited financial assistance is available for leaders from under-represented ethnic, cultural, or disability communities. The program at CSMG 2025 will include offerings for Hispanic/Latino leaders who play an important role in forming disciples on mission in their communities.
- **CSMG 2025** will be held at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill and will offer programming to our regular in-person audience (usually more than 500 participants). Scholarships will be available for participants from diverse cultures, backgrounds, and abilities through the [Diversity Outreach Initiative](#). To register [click here](#).



**Job Opening: Full Time Administrative Assistant, Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, Pastoral Center**

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Office of Social Justice and Respect Life is seeking a full time Administrative Assistant to support the work of the Office. The goals of the Office of Social Justice & Respect Life are to bring awareness of Catholic social teachings of the Church, facilitate action, be a voice for the poor and powerless and to be a resource to parishes as they

develop social justice outreach. Summary of Education/Work Experience/Skills and Duties: Associate Degree in business/administration or equivalent; Solid praxis in theology and Roman Catholic traditions; Three years' secretarial experience with administrative duties; Bilingual preferred; Proficiency with MS Office and Quicken; Type 60 wpm; Evidence of ability to coordinate, schedule, follow through and carry out assignments accurately and with minimal supervision; Proven written and verbal communications skills; Ability to use and maintain social media for Office; Administer accounts payable; Scheduling and support of office meetings including meeting minutes and records; Understanding of the various aspects of ministry and cultural diversity evidenced in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe; Basic knowledge of Catholic social teaching. For full job description, salary and benefits, and application, go to <https://archdiosf.org/employment-opportunities>.

**African American Catholic Community News**

<https://www.archdiocesasantafegiving.org/AACC>



community for Mass on Sunday, January 19 at Noon at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph's Dr. NW, Albuquerque with Rev. Evaristus Chukwu, presider. Join us in person or on line. 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, Albuquerque, NM 87120 with AACC on memo line or made securely online at <https://www.archdiocesasantafegiving.org/AACC>. For more information please call (505) 401-8983 or (505) 831-8167.

**AACC Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass, January 19, 2025 at Noon**

Please join the Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Commu-

**Office of Worship**

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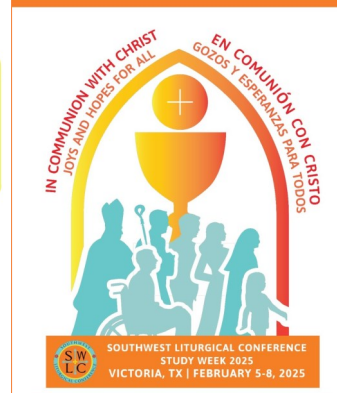
**2025 Rite of Election**

- Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6pm at St. Jude Thaddeus in Albuquerque
- Saturday, March 8, 2025 at 1pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Clovis
- Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 3pm at Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe



**SWLC 2025 Study Week**

Save the Date!



Are you a priest, deacon, pastoral associate, catechist, or parish volunteer who would like to know more about your faith and thereby enrich your ministry? If so, St. Norbert College's Master of Theological Studies Program might be right for you. Options include: the MTS degree – for which generous financial aid is available, a certificate program, or simply taking one or more courses for credit or as an audit. For further information, please contact Louise Nielsen at 505-873-4399 or [louise.nielsen@snc.edu](mailto:louise.nielsen@snc.edu).



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**Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope**  
Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help



everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..." For more information go to: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/jubilee-2025>.

**Adult Faith Development**

You are invited to register for these upcoming faith opportunities presented by Sr. Paula Gallagher, IHM. If you are a ministry leader, we appreciate you sharing this email with your members. Please come and join us. These classes and retreats are open to everyone. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

**December 2024**

**Advent Retreat: In The Season of Deepest Darkness, A Beautiful Light**

This Advent Retreat dwells in the Incarnation Cycle, in all the ways Christ came, Christ comes and Christ will come. In this season of deepest darkness we cherish the beautiful lights of Advent and Christmas and our own times. We invite God more closely with us than ever and pray for the peace of our world and its people. Presenter: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM  
**Date:** Saturday, December 7 from 9am – 12:30pm via Zoom  
**Register to:** Sr. Paula at 505-670-0240 or musicwrit7@aol.com



December retreats are available for your parish, ministry or friendship groups. Call Sr. Paula for arrangements.

**January 2025**

**Who is Mary of Nazareth, and Why Should We Care?**

Insights into the Blessed Virgin Mary will include Marian apparitions, her culture and what her role is in salvation history, as the mother of Jesus Christ and the spiritual mother of all Christians.

**Presenter:** Marie Morrison  
**Venue:** University of Dayton Virtual Learning for Faith Formation  
**Time:** January 20 – February 23, 2025  
**Registration:** <https://vlcff.udayton.edu>

**Jubilee Year of Hope/Gospel of Hope**

We prime our hearts for the Jubilee Year of Hope with our through liturgical Year C, the year of Luke. This Gospel emphasizes hope for the elderly, the poor, the outcast. Luke brings a message of inclusion, healing, liberation and mercy. We pray together to receive the courage to be disciples of hope through challenging times.  
**Time:** Mondays January 27, February 3 and 10, 2025, 1 – 3 PM via Zoom  
**Presenter:** Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM  
**Register to:** Denise Frias, Executive Secretary 505-831-8165 [dfrias@asfnm.org](mailto:dfrias@asfnm.org)

**Catholic Women's Choir**

Join Catholic Women's Choir ensemble with the choirs and musicians of Church of the Incarnation for the first annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols taking place on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) at 3:30pm at Church of the Incarnation. This event is great for families and adults. For more information contact Gloria Robinson at [Gloryrobins@gmail.com](mailto:Gloryrobins@gmail.com) or at 505 604-0540.



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**MASS IN SPANISH IS BROADCAST 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.



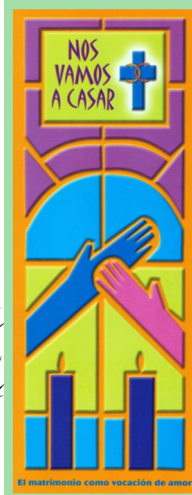
Recordings of these Masses can also be viewed from 4:30pm on Saturday (pre-Sunday mass) via the Internet by visiting the following link: <http://hispanicministryasf.org/tv-and-radio-programs/video-collection/>.

For any questions regarding the transmission of the Mass in Spanish, please call the Hispanic Ministry Office (see box). 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.

**Marriage Preparation Retreat "Nos Vamos a Casar" (presented in Spanish)**

The Archdiocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry, in collaboration with the Office of Family Life, invite all Spanish speaking couples who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Marriage to participate in a marriage preparation retreat "Nos Vamos a Casar". This retreat is one of the approved programs in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Now that the capacity of the churches and the celebration of the sacraments is gradually expanding, there has been a great demand for Marriage Preparation Retreats. Normally, these retreats are held only four times during the year. **The next retreat will take place on January 25 & 26, 2025.** Couples interested in participating in an upcoming marriage preparation retreat are asked to contact the Hispanic Ministry Office directly for the most recent information (see box).



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**3on 3 Basketball Tournament**

On Saturday November 16th, the Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati Young Adult 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament took place at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic School Gym. We offer our gratitude to Very Reverend Timothy Martinez, Principal Aundria Koprowski, and both the Parish and School communities of Saint Charles Borromeo for hosting the tournament. Also, our deepest thanks to volunteer coordinator, Gabriel Lopez, for the work he and his team put in to ensure this gathering of young adults was so successful. We thank all the teams that participated and all the parishes that advertised this opportunity to gather young adults from across the Archdiocese.



**Young Adults and the Youth Rally**

"What an incredible experience getting to serve with you all," national speaker Braden Johnson remarked following the evening for Young Adults and the Youth Rally on November 8th & -9th. Despite the winter storm that blew into the Archdiocese, two of three events were able to go ahead. We offer our deepest gratitude to Reverend Michael J. Shea, the staff, and parishioners of Prince of Peace Catholic Community for offering to host the evening for parents; to Reverend Tai Pham, the staff, and parishioners of Saint John XXIII Catholic Community for hosting the evening for Young Adults; and to Very Reverend Chike Uba, the staff, and parishioners of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary for hosting the 1st Annual Youth Rally. We also offer our thanks to the ministers, youth, and young adults from Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph on the Rio Grande, and Our Lady of Guadalupe in Clovis who worked with Braden Johnson to add fun interactive activities. Also, a prayer of gratitude for Cody Broyles from Saint John the XXIII Catholic Community for providing the music for the events and Deacon Ed Leyba from Saint Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho for providing the sound and lighting.

Last but not least, we offer heartfelt gratitude and a prayer of thanksgiving for all who donate to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity made these events possible.

**"God always answers:**

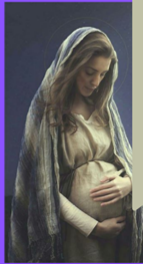
maybe today, tomorrow, but he always answers, in one way or another.

Prayer is a question of patience,

of supporting the wait. Now we are in the time of **Advent**, a time that is typically of expectation, of expectation of Christmas.

We are in waiting.

But **all our life is also in waiting**. And prayer is always in expectation, because we know that the Lord will answer."



**Advent Resources**

Advent Resources for families and catechists from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/advent#:~:text=Calendario%20de%20Adviento%202024,desire%20for%20a%20new%20world.%22>



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**2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**

As believers in Christ, we are called to be a bridge between people in an age of division. In our increasingly polarized world, it's up to people of faith to heal the rifts among us. A good start to the healing process is the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The theme this year is **Do You Believe** (John 11:26) The entire passage chosen for reflection in 2025 is John 11:17-27, where Jesus arrives in Bethany and raises Lazarus from the dead. A part of that story is the encounter between Jesus and Martha, at the end of which Martha confesses faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God.

The year 2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the first Ecumenical Council of Christian churches (325). Christians had just emerged from a type of "underground" status of nearly 300 years and their faith communities were divided by language, culture and strong theological divisions. There was an urgent need for one unified voice about the nature of Jesus's relation-

ship to the Father within the being of the Triune God... A major result of the Council was the creation of the first Nicene Creed. As the whole Church of today celebrates the Nicene Creed, may we (Catholics, Orthodox and Protestants) remember exactly what we believe together and share with the world: that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God, who raises all with him to eternal life in a kingdom that will never end. The observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is a powerful bridge for healing in your faith communities.

For liturgical resources for the 2025 Week of Christian Unity, see <https://geii.org>.







Since its inception by St. John Neumann, the Catholic parochial school system has served the US Catholic Church as a vehicle for catechesis, evangelization, and the cultivation of vocations. Administrators in these Catholic schools are typically required to be certified as supervisors and principals by their state public education systems, which often involves completion of a Masters degree in some educational discipline. However, these programs tend to include very few classes on the management aspects of being a principal or other administrator in a Catholic school, such as strategic planning, facilities management, budgeting for mission, employee talent development, and other skills that are critical to the role of a school administrator.

As a global resource on the subject of church management, Villanova School of Business's Center for Church Management, in partnership with the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) has developed this certificate to help fill in these gaps in learning for Catholic school principals, vice principals, presidents, and rising leaders. We hope to equip school leaders with the tools they will need to successfully guide our Catholic schools for years to come and to continue the legacy of this invaluable component of our church.

The Certificate in Catholic School Management is a unique program designed to enhance management skills and deepen the spirit of leadership. It will provide principals and administrators with high-quality training in the diverse skills needed to successfully lead Catholic schools. We know this resource will be of great value to school leaders and will better enable them to achieve the mission of Jesus Christ through their schools.



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2025 MODULES	
1. Strategic Planning	
2. Budgeting and Financial Management	
3. Financial Reporting and Analysis	
4. Marketing for Image, Enrollment, and Resources	
5. Tuition Planning	
6. Enrollment Management: Recruiting, Admissions, and Retention	
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The Certificate in Catholic School Management from the Villanova School of Business is a non-credit program for both developing and experienced school administrators to build knowledge of school management best practices.

## HOW DOES THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM WORK?

The program consists of 12 asynchronous modules that students can complete at their own pace. Content can be accessed at any time and will include a mix of audio, video, and interactive activities. Each module will also include assessments of learning and a culminating assignment.

## WHO IS THIS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM FOR?

This program was designed for educators who are in administrative or leadership roles and who are interested in building knowledge about strategic, managerial, and financial aspects of the church.

## WHY VILLANOVA?

The Villanova School of Business is home to the world's first Center for Church Management. Founded in 2004, the Center for Church Management is a global resource for church management knowledge, dedicated to helping Christian faith-based organizations through education and research.

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