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From Archbishop Wester:

I write to you announcing the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. Attached you will find my letter that includes the Pilgrimage sites throughout the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and answers to questions that we have been receiving in my office. We have created a dedicated website for the Jubilee Year, it is: archdiosf.org/2025jubilee. This website is where parishes and pilgrims can find essential information including the links to the references below. In my letter I mention several references, for ease of reference, I have added the links below.

General resources:

- [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' 2025 Jubilee - Pilgrims of Hope](#)
- [Vatican Jubilee 2025](#)
- [Jubilee 2025 General Calendar](#)
- [Decree for Granting Indulgence from the Vatican](#)
- [Jubilee Year Lesson Plan, Activities, & Worksheet](#)
- [A Brief History of Pilgrimage/Una historia breve sobre las peregrinaciones](#)
- [The Jubilee Prayer bookmark](#) English/Español
- [The Meaning of the Catholic Anchor Symbol](#) (video)



Resources for Jubilee Sites

- [Parish Checklist](#)
- [Mass for the Holy Year](#) - courtesy USCCB
- [A Brief History of Pilgrimage/Una historia breve sobre las peregrinaciones](#)
- [The Jubilee Prayer bookmark](#) English/Español
- [Catholic Mutual Group](#) - for the latest requirements and guidance for pilgrimages, contact Dan Jaramillo or Jennifer Castillo 505.831.8122.

As I state in my letter, “This Jubilee Year of Hope is foundational to this time of rebuilding here in our local church. As Pope Francis invites us to pray, ‘...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.’ May we be people of Hope!”

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February 28, 2025
Celebrating the Jubilee of Hope

Dear Reverend Fathers,

As we embrace the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope, I invite and encourage you to engage the faithful in celebrating this extraordinary year that Pope Francis has gifted to the Church. The Archdiocese of Santa Fe opened the Jubilee Year at the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe. Between now and the Jubilee's conclusion in January of 2026, I look forward to participating with you in the many jubilee activities that are being planned throughout the year. Jubilee 2025 is a journey, a pilgrimage of faith, that brings together the faithful from across the world. This transformative pilgrimage, set to take place throughout 2025, invites participants to deepen their faith, unite in prayer, and experience the profound spiritual significance of pilgrimage.

As part of the Jubilee celebration, the archdiocese will have a dedicated website where parishes and pilgrims can find essential information, details on pilgrim sites, prayers and reflections, and other resources. Some of the resources include information about guidance and requirements for pilgrims; prayer cards and links to other resources to enhance your parish's and pilgrim's jubilee year. The website is archdiosf.org/2025jubilee. It is designed to serve as a resource hub for those wishing to take part in this spiritual journey. Parishes and pilgrims are encouraged to visit regularly for updates and information on how they can take part in and support this spiritual journey.

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope includes a series of specially chosen sites throughout the archdiocese that hold significant religious and cultural importance. I am pleased to announce the pilgrimage sites designated for the 2025 Jubilee of Hope in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. These sacred locations will serve as spiritual havens for all pilgrims seeking renewal and grace. Each site has been thoughtfully chosen to reflect our rich heritage and the vibrant faith of our community. I invite you to join us in this journey of reflection, prayer, and unity. Together, let us embrace the spirit of hope in this blessed year.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrimage of Hope pilgrimage sites are listed below. Their Jubilee Mass times will be held on the first Sunday of every month.

- Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe - Jubilee Mass: first Sunday, 9 a.m. (Santa Fe Deanery)
- Shrine of the Little Flower - St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Albuquerque - Jubilee Mass: first Sunday, 10 a.m. (ABQ A)
- Shrine of St. Bernadette, Albuquerque - Jubilee Mass: first Sunday, 9:30 a.m. (ABQ B)
- St. Augustine and Shrine to St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Isleta Pueblo - Jubilee Mass: first Sunday, 10 a.m. (ABQ C)
- San Felipe de Neri, Albuquerque - Jubilee Mass: first Sunday, 11 a.m. (ABQ C)
- St. Gertrude the Great, Mora - Jubilee Mass: first Sunday, 11 a.m. (NE)
- Santuario de Chimayo - Holy Family, Chimayo - Jubilee Mass: first Sunday, Noon in the Shrine (NW)
- St. Rose of Lima, Santa Rosa - Jubilee Mass: first Sunday, 9 a.m. (SE)
- San Miguel, Socorro - Jubilee Mass: first Sunday, 10 a.m. (SW)

On the website, the above-mentioned parishes can find some resources to assist them with receiving pilgrims: 1) parish check list for receiving pilgrims; 2) a link for the special Mass for the Holy Year that can be printed and used for the Jubilee Masses; 3) resources that can be printed at the parish to give to pilgrims when they visit. The pilgrim sites will also receive 300 stickers that they can give the visiting pilgrims (the website will include links to purchase additional stickers if needed).

To answer some of the frequent questions:

Where are the Holy Doors in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe? There are not any Holy Doors in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. The Holy Door for the Jubilee Year is at St. Peter's in Rome. The doors of the Cathedral in Santa Fe were used to open the Jubilee Year here in the archdiocese.

What if the Mass intentions at a Jubilee Parish are full through most of the year? Pilgrimage parishes are encouraged to include pilgrims in their Mass intentions for the Jubilee Mass on the first Sunday of the month. If the intentions for that Mass are already taken, then the pilgrims can be included in the Prayer of the Faithful.

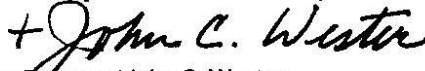
What is an indulgence and how does one gain an indulgence? The Vatican's Decree on the Granting of the Indulgence states, "During the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, by will of the Supreme Pontiff, this 'Court of Mercy', which is responsible for all that concerns the granting and use of indulgences, wishing to encourage the souls of the faithful and nourish the pious desire to obtain the Indulgence seen as a gift of grace specific to each Holy Year, establishes the following indications, so that the faithful may take advantage of the 'norms for obtaining and rendering spiritually fruitful the practice of the Jubilee indulgence' (*Spes non confundit*, 23). During the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025, all other Indulgences previously granted remain in force. All the faithful, who are truly repentant and free from any affection for sin (cf. *Enchiridion Indulgentiarum*, IV ed., norm. 20, § 1), who are moved by a spirit of charity and who, during the Holy Year, purified through the sacrament of penance and refreshed by Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff, will be able to obtain from the treasury of the Church a plenary indulgence, with remission and forgiveness of all their sins, which can be applied in suffrage to the souls in Purgatory in the following ways":

- Pilgrimages - The faithful, pilgrims of hope, will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence granted by the Holy Father if they undertake a pious pilgrimage by visiting the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi or other pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe;
- Pious visits to sacred places - Likewise, the faithful can obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, individually or in a group, they devoutly visit any Jubilee site and there, for a suitable period of time, engage in Eucharistic adoration and meditation, concluding with the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, and invocations to Mary, the Mother of God, so that in this Holy Year everyone "will come to know the closeness of Mary, the most affectionate of mothers, who never abandons her children" (*Spes non confundit*, 24);
- Works of mercy and penance - In addition, the faithful will be able to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if, with a devout spirit, they participate in popular missions, spiritual exercises, or formation activities on the documents of the Second Vatican Council and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, held in a church or other suitable place, according to the mind of the Holy Father.

What needs to be considered regarding insurance requirements and guidance for parish groups and minors?
Contact Catholic Mutual for requirements and specific questions regarding your pilgrim groups and minors.

Thank you for your prayers, ministry, and support for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. This Jubilee Year of Hope is foundational to this time of rebuilding here in our local church. As Pope Francis invites us to pray, "...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." May we be people of Hope!

Fraternally yours in the Lord of Hope,



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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>.

These parishes have been designated as pilgrimage sites for the Jubilee Year of Hope in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

<u>Pilgrimage Site</u>	<u>Deanery</u>	<u>City</u>
Shrine of St. Therese the Little Flower	ABQ A	Albuquerque
Shrine of St. Bernadette	ABQ B	Albuquerque
St. Augustine / Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha	ABQ C	Isleta Pueblo
San Felipe de Neri	ABQ C	Old Town Albuquerque
St. Gertrude the Great	NE	Mora
Santuario de Chimayó	NW	Chimayó
Santa Rosa de Lima	SE	Santa Rosa
San Miguel	SW	Socorro
Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi	SF	Santa Fe

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](#).



March 2025

The Way In: Spiritual Growth Through Writing: This writing retreat invites you to an ever deepening relationship with Jesus Christ and understanding of your own path in life. The sessions will invite us to discover or own wisdom, weaving life lessons and fresh insights. Take the pen as a tool of grace in understanding event, actions and reactions. Find God's presence in everything that happens within and around you.

Time: Mondays February 24, March 3 and 10, 1 – 3 PM via Zoom

Presenter: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

Register to: Denise Frias, Executive Assistant 505-831-8165 dfrias@asfnm.org

Introduction to Celtic Spirituality

This spirituality course examines the insights of an ancient path to God. The Celtic grace emphasizes our connection to the natural world, our interconnection with one another, and those who have gone before us. We will experience the Celtic way, with its values, prayer lessons and practices. Be introduced to some of the wonderful writers of the past and present who bring us this path for growth.

Time: Mondays March 17, 24, 31, 1 – 3 PM via Zoom

Presenter: Sr. Paula Gallagher IHM

Register to: Denise Frias, Executive Assistant 505-831-8165 dfrias@asfnm.org

Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Jubilee Year of Hope

Año Jubilar de la Esperanza

Arquidiócesis Católica Romana de Santa Fe

The Jubilee Prayer 2025

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

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**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 remaining retreat dates are:

- April 26 & 27, 2025
- July 26 & 27, 2025
- October 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).

chumen understands the rites received in church or at the parish are just one part of the ongoing journey of discipleship that will culminate with baptism and confirmation -- usually during the Easter Vigil -- but will continue throughout their lives.

This journey, which is to be the inspiration for all faith formation in the Church, is about coming to a relationship with Jesus Christ. In building that relationship one comes to greater knowledge of Jesus Christ. That knowledge would then lead to a life in conformity with his teachings. OCIA offers beautiful experiences in the liturgy, with the community, that are inherently part of this particular journey.

The OCIA process still has as part of its process the rites such as the *Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate*, *Rite of Welcoming* and the *Rite of Sending*, which both occur at the parish level, and the *Rite of Election*, which occurs at the cathedral with the bishop. Following that is a beautiful series of rites called the *scrutinies*, and after that are the *Rites of Initiation* (Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist).

Catechumens, or those who have not yet been baptized, will participate in the *Rite of Election*. Celebrating jointly with the catechumens, in the *Call to Continuing Conversion*, are the **candidates**, or those who are those who have been baptized in another denomination but are not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church.

These celebrations will take place on March 15, 2025 at 12:30 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Clovis; on March 16, 2025 at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe and on March 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm at St. Jude Thaddeus Parish in Albuquerque.

**MASS IN SPANISH IS BROADCASTED
EVERY SUNDAY ON
CHANNEL 50(My50TV-KASY)**



In an effort to reach out to our brothers and sisters whose primary language is Spanish and who are not able to attend Sunday Mass in their local parishes due to illness, age, or other issues, the offices of Hispanic Ministry and Broadcast Media broadcast the Mass in Spanish on television each week. These Masses are aired 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 beginning at 4:30pm on Saturday (pre-Sunday mass) via YouTube by visiting the following link: <http://hispanicministryasf.org/tv-and-radio-programs/video-collection/>.

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

The 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.

Available Resources and Information on Immigration

List of Community Service Agencies Serving Immigrants: <http://hispanicministryasf.org/immigration/>

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OCIA or Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

The change from "rite" [RCIA] to "order" [OCIA] is in part because of a retranslation of the Latin name into English and was made by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in November 2021.

The new translation is more comprehensive. Rites are still part of the order, but the new structure is meant to invite candidates and catechumens into a continuous process of spiritual formation as opposed to predetermined checkpoints on the path to baptism, first Communion and confirmation.

These rites are not new to the church, but by making the entire process an "order," the candidate or cate-



Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

REMINDERS

Parish Catechetical Leader (PCL) Gathering (for DREs, CREs, Youth Ministers, Confirmation Coordinators, OCIA Coordinators, etc.)

Date: Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Time: 10:00am – 12:00 noon
Place: Zoom



Catechist Formation: The Qualities of the Catechist

Date: March 24th
Time: 6:00-8:00pm
Place: Zoom

~ Save the Dates ~

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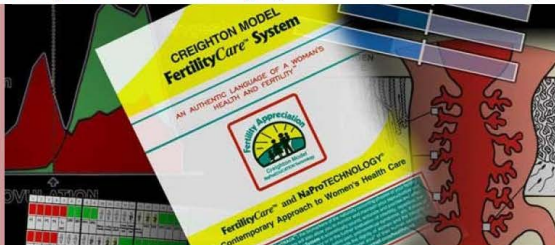
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Marriage Preparation

Weekends for the Engaged

Couples must attend the whole weekend. Please visit www.familylifennm.org to register for one of the events. The cost is \$85.00 per couple.

2025 dates are:

- September 19-21, 2025
- November 14-16, 2025



Evenings for Engaged at St. Jude Parish, Albuquerque

To register, please call 505-898-0826.

- 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.

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

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

Comfort, Hope & Healing: Suicide 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).

SAVE THE DATES!

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.

March 21, 2025 at St. John XXIII Catholic Community

May 16, 2025 at Queen of Heaven Catholic Church

Archdiocesan Natural Family Planning

⇒ Creighton Model FertilityCare System—
www.stjosephfertilitycare.org

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

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 12 follow-up sessions over a twelve week period, and a monthly meeting for lifelong support. Our next program will begin on March 28-30, 2025. Inquire or register on our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.



Have questions, need more information, or want to be reminded about upcoming monthly potlucks and other Archdiocese of Santa Fe Marriage Enrichment events? Visit <https://bit.ly/4gkxPXU>



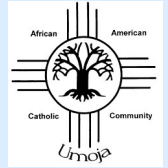
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African American Catholic Community News

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



Save the Date:

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community 33rd Anniversary Mass
 Sunday, April 27, 2025 – 12 noon St. Joseph on the Rio Grande

AACC Fr. Rollins Lambert Scholarship Applications are Open for the 2025-2026 School Year

The application is now available for the Fr. Rollins Lambert Scholarship for African American students enrolled in our Catholic schools, grades K-8. All applications submitted online. 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 14, 2025**. The application can be found here <https://asfcatholicschools.org/fr-rollins-lambert-scholarship>. For more information on the scholarship please contact Gerry Harge at 505-831-0800.

Blessed Maria Gabriella Sagheddu
 Trappistine Nun (1914-1939)

Maria Gabriella was born to a poor family in Sardinia. Her move toward religious life began at fourteen, following the death of a beloved sister. Afterward she became active in Young Catholic Action and then, at the age of twenty, entered a Trappistine abbey near Rome.

Her spiritual life was regulated by the disciplines of Trappist life. But in one respect she felt an unusual and distinctive mission: to dedicate her prayer and sacrifices for the cause of Christian unity. Though her abbess shared her commitment to ecumenism, this was not a popular cause among Catholics of the time. Nevertheless, Maria felt a special conviction that division among Christians was a wound in the very heart of Christ. She wished that everyone might “turn to God and for his kingdom to be established in every heart.”

Falling ill at the age of twenty-three, Maria offered her life for the cause of unity, inspired by the prayer of Jesus in the Gospel of John, “that they all might be one.” She died on April 23, 1939. She was beatified in 1983.

“Sister Maria Gabriella, called by her vocation to be apart from the world devoted her life to meditation and prayer centered on Chapter seventeen of St. John’s Gospel, and offered her life for Christian unity....The example of Sister Maria Gabriella is instructive; it helps us to understand that there are no special times, situations or places of prayer for unity. Christ’s prayer to the Father is offered as a model for everyone, always and everywhere.” (Pope John Paul II, Ut Unum Sint) Give Us This Day, April 25, 2024, p 347

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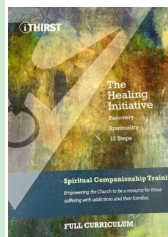


Thresholds Prayer Group

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.

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).



St. Kateri Tekakwitha Scholarship

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Scholarship application packets are now available! Applicants must be Native American, Catholic or non-Catholic, in grades kindergarten to twelfth; enrolled or will be enrolled in one of the ASF Catholic schools for the 2025-2026 academic school year. Parents must describe a verified level of need and unique circumstances through the Grant & Aid Assessment in FACTS at each Catholic School. The application can be found [here](#). For more information on the scholarship please contact the Native American Ministry Office (see box).

Wisdom Mass

A Wisdom Mass in honor of our Pueblo Elders will be taking place on Thursday, April 3, 2025 at St. Augustine in Isleta at 11am. A reception will follow. Must RSVP to 505-831-8151.

Office of Social Justice & Respect Life

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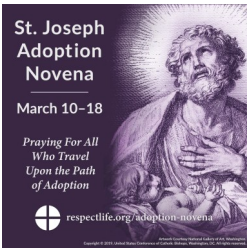
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Prayer to Begin Lent

God of love, Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we ask you to transform us this Lent and open our hearts to our one human family. May the prayers, recipes and stories from CRS Rice Bowl help us recognize the face of your son, Jesus, in all people around the world and, in doing so, grow closer to you during this season of Lent. Amen.

**St. Joseph Adoption Novena:
 March 10-18, 2025**



Join in prayer for those whose life stories include adoption. Participants can receive the daily prayers by email or text message in [English or Spanish](#). Parish [resources](#) are available.

Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination - March 21-27, 2025

- Read the U.S Bishop’s Pastoral on Racism, Open Wide Our Hearts, The Enduring Call to Love. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/>
- Learn about Fr. Augustus Tolton and the many contributions of African Americans to the Catholic Church in the United States. <https://tolton.archchicago.org/> and <http://nbccongress.org/>
- Read Bishop Braxton’s (Bishop of Belleville, IL) pastoral on Racism, The Racial Divide in the United States along with the study guide: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/racial-diversity-study-guide-bish-braxton.pdf>
- Watch the Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community’s Webinar Series on Racism and Open Wide Our Hearts: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uPh4QXZc4AE&list=PLLnMWzD2hpPztSi_qoGny8BxYg6rGsbjo



**Reveal Christ’s Love:
 CRS Collection Weekend of
 March 29-30**

On Laetare (or “Rejoice”) Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, landing on March 30, 2025, we will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ’s love to our brothers. The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ’s love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Your support for this collection provides emergency assistance to victims of war and natural disasters; assists migrants and refugees who need housing, education, and specialized legal assistance; and supports travelers and others whose livelihoods require special pastoral support to access the sacraments.

Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . . In the United States:

- Feed Jesus’ hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS).
- Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC).
- Reach out to comfort Jesus’ loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church.

And Around the World:

- Give water to quench Jesus’ thirst in the people of Kenya and Zambia . . . through the humanitarian work of Catholic Relief Services (CRS).
- Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the USCCB Secretariat for Justice and Peace.
- Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the Holy Father’s Relief Fund.

**CRS Rice Bowl for Lent 2025:
 Celebrate 50 years of Rice Bowl!**

Each Lent, parishes, schools, and Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. CRS Rice Bowl shares [stories of hope](#) from CRS’ work around the world. These stories are examples of how your Lenten alms are helping communities find solutions to problems like hunger and malnutrition.



- **Take a virtual journey with us and recommit to our global family as we learn about communities in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh.** Don’t forget to try the [meatless recipes](#) each Friday during Lent. And remember, 25% of what is collected stays here in our Archdiocese for local organizations addressing hunger and homelessness. Last Lent, 136 parishes, schools, organizations, and individuals participated in Rice Bowl collecting \$ \$62,443.83, 25% of that will be distributed to 13 local organizations this year. Call our office (see box) to place your Rice Bowl Order!

- During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. You can also give online by going to <https://archdiocesasantafegiving.org/virtual-crs-rice-bowl> Remember, 25% of our Rice Bowl donation stays here in our Archdiocese to respond to local needs for hunger and homelessness. ([Click here](#) for Where Does My CRS Money Go?) 75% goes overseas to help hungry people in countries where CRS works. Please participate in this important Lenten almsgiving!





The CRS Collection and CRS Rice Bowl

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has established two opportunities during the season of Lent for Catholics in the U.S. to participate in the Church’s global mission to serve the poor.

	CRS Collection	CRS Rice Bowl
What is it?	One of twelve national collections managed by USCCB	CRS’ Lenten faith-formation program
Tell me about it.	The CRS Collection is 1 of the 12 national collections established by the bishops of the United States so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out the global mission of the Church. It offers Catholics a convenient opportunity to help more than 100 million people at home and abroad through a charitable contribution during Mass.	Every Lent, Catholics in the United States do something amazing. Their prayers, fasting and almsgiving become lifesaving aid for millions of individuals living in conditions of poverty around the world. The hungry are fed; the thirsty are given drink; the homeless find shelter. And this has been going on for more than 40 years. That’s the impact of CRS Rice Bowl. That’s how what you give up for Lent can change lives.
When does it happen?	The CRS Collection is taken up in most dioceses on Laetare (or “Rejoice”) Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 30, 2025.	As a tool for your Lenten journey, it encompasses the entire liturgical season, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, and concluding on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.
Who benefits?	The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic organizations (Catholic Relief Services; USCCB’s Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; USCCB’s Migration and Refugee Services; Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc.; USCCB’s Secretariat for Cultural Diversity in the Church; and the Holy Father’s Relief Fund) that advance the international social ministry of the Church.	CRS Rice Bowl contributions support projects that assist those in need both overseas and here in the United States. Seventy-five percent of CRS Rice Bowl contributions are sent to Catholic Relief Services and help fund development projects overseas that help increase and maintain communities’ access to food. Twenty-five percent of the contributions fund local poverty and hunger alleviation programs in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
Where do I send my contribution?*	Send CRS Collection contributions to your parish with a memo “CRS Collection” and then the parish will count it and send a single check marked “CRS Collection” to: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Finance Office.	Families send CRS Rice Bowl contributions to your parish with a memo clearly marked “CRS RICE BOWL” and then the parish will count it and send a single check marked “Rice Bowl” to: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Finance Office. People can also “empty” their Rice Bowl online at: https://archdiocesasantafegiving.org/virtual-crs-rice-bowl .

*If you have any questions contact Anne Avellone, Director, Archdiocese of Santa Fe Social Justice and Respect Life Office and CRS Diocesan Director, 505-831-8167 or aavellone@asfnm.org.





Action Alert



Action Alerts

Urge Congress to Protect the Persecuted

"[I]t is the historic policy of the United States to respond to the urgent needs of persons subject to persecution in their homelands. . . . Congress further declares that it is the policy of the United States to encourage all nations to provide assistance and resettlement opportunities to refugees to the fullest extent possible."

These opening lines of the Refugee Act of 1980—the law creating the statutory authority for the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program (USRAP)—communicates the importance of responding to the needs of those forced to flee their homes because they are persecuted on the basis of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion. Carrying out the Gospel’s mandate to care for the “least of these” (Mt. 25:31-46), the Catholic Church has served refugees in the United States since well before USRAP’s creation. [Learn more about USRAP and the Catholic Church.](#)

Today, no refugees are being resettled through USRAP. This ban impacts thousands of refugees who had already been fully processed, undergone extensive security checks, and approved for refugee status by the federal government while outside of the United States. This includes many persecuted Christians, as well as Afghans who had been approved for special immigrant visas because of the assistance they provided to the U.S. mission and U.S. servicemembers in Afghanistan.

The indefinite suspension of USRAP is the result of an executive order signed by President Donald Trump on January 20. The order requires the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to submit a report by April 20, 2025, regarding whether refugee resettlement is in the national interest. However, the order leaves the decision about whether to resume refugee resettlement to the President alone, without any timeline stated for that decision.

On January 24, the State Department issued suspension notices to domestic resettlement agencies, including the USCCB, impacting their ability to carry out services under the Reception and Placement (R&P) Program. The R&P Program provides crucial assistance to refugees and Afghan special immigrant visa holders during their first three months in the United States to support their successful integration and help them to achieve self-sufficiency as

quickly as possible. Services provided through the R&P Program include help finding initial housing, securing employment, enrolling children in school, scheduling medical appointments, and English language classes.

The chairman of the USCCB’s Committee on Migration, Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso, [addressed](#) the suspension of USRAP on January 22, stating: “Indefinitely halting refugee resettlement is unmerited, as it is already proven to be one of the most secure legal pathways to the United States.”

Ask your members of Congress to lift their voice in support of upholding our nation’s bipartisan legacy of refugee resettlement.

Click here to log in and send your message: <https://www.votervoice.net/Broad-castLinks/4oFUqqP5lZDw7wfExdNS5Q>

Support Refugee Resettlement to Protect the Persecuted

As a Catholic and your constituent, I urge you to engage with the Administration to resume the resettlement of refugees and Afghan special immigrant visa (SIV) holders. Being a place of refuge for those fleeing oppression, including Christians and other people persecuted for their faith, is fundamentally American. The U.S. Refugee Admissions Program has safely and effectively fostered this, with strong bipartisan support, for almost 45 years.

The President’s recent executive order providing for the indefinite suspension of refugee admissions leaves thousands of thoroughly vetted people, who in some cases have waited years to experience freedom, in a state of grave uncertainty. Stop-work orders issued to domestic resettlement agencies also threaten the support promised to recently arrived refugees and SIV holders, undermining their prospects of self-sufficiency.

Protection of people fleeing persecution and those who risked their lives to support our country is not only in the national interest but a moral responsibility. Please urge the Administration to immediately resume refugee resettlement.

Support the Lifesaving Work of Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services is the international relief agency of the church in the United States. Each year, CRS provides humanitarian and emergency aid around the world, including providing soon-to-be mothers access to nutrition services, helping farmers feed their families, and ensuring children receive critical medications to fight disease. However, the federal govern-

ment has issued immediate stop work orders on almost all foreign aid as they review State Department and USAID programs between now and April 20. While reviews by a new administration are common, freezing lifesaving funds during the review is not. This freeze is impacting millions of our sisters and brothers who need access to lifesaving humanitarian, health and development assistance and greatly hinders the foreign aid work of CRS.

Your voice matters. You can help by:

- Taking action! Use the USCCB action center to contact your member of Congress today and tell them to ensure that emergency relief and critical international assistance programs can continue operations during the review process.
- Personalizing the message you send. Personalized messages are shown to be even more effective in reaching elected officials.
- Sending an email directly through the website of your member of congress or, even better, make a phone call.
- Encouraging others to do the same! Tell your network about the importance of CRS and how this relatively small investment makes a huge difference.
- [Learning more](#) about why we advocate for policies that lift up human dignity and sign up for USCCB Action Alerts

Pope Francis Quote:

"Where is your brother who is hungry?" the Lord asks us. And to save our skin, we answer, "Surely he is at lunch with the parish Caritas group that is feeding him." "What about the other, the sick...?" "Oh well, he is in the hospital!" "But there's no place in the hospital! And did you give him any medicine?" "But, that's his business, I cannot meddle in the life of others ... and besides, he will have relatives who give him medicine". And so I wash my hands of him. (...) Put a name to each one of those that the Lord mentions in Chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel - the sick, the hungry, the thirsty, without clothes, the little one who cannot go to school, the drug addict, the prisoner ... where is he? Where is your brother in your heart? Is there room for these people in our hearts? Or do we try to calm our conscience by giving some alms? (...) Where is your brother? Where are you? Perhaps we don't notice these things, these sufferings, these pains. Let us not hide from reality but to answer openly, faithfully and joyfully to the questions that the Lord asks us about our brothers (February 17, 2025).





<https://udayton.edu/artssciences/ctr/ipi/index.php>

The Institute for Pastoral Initiatives mobilizes the resources of the University of Dayton for partnerships with the Church that create and implement innovative pastoral initiatives designed to meet the needs of the Church and to articulate faith within the context of contemporary culture.

What Do We Provide?

Resources for Inclusive Catechesis: The Institute for Pastoral Initiatives serves as a support network and resource to individuals with disabilities and their families by providing DVDs and print resources, consultations, and networking opportunities.

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation: A growing initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet.

[Learn more](#)



What is the VLCFF?

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) is an Internet distance-learning program to support catechist and adult faith formation in the Church.

Website English: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/>

Website Spanish: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/?lang=es>

About the VLCFF

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation is a new initiative to offer adult religious education and faith formation anytime and anywhere via the internet. The goal is to support the church's professional ministry of religious education and faith formation in cyberspace.

The Archdiocese of Santa Fe has a Partnership with the University of Dayton VLCFF.

As a partner, individuals from our diocese who take a VLCFF course pay \$50.00 per course/\$40.00 per seminar. (An individual from a non-VLCFF diocesan partner pays \$105.00 per course/\$80.00 per seminar).

Click the link below to access the course calendars:

English: <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/calendar/>

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2025 Lay Leadership Summit Save the dates!

Join us for the NALM's Lay Ministry Leadership Summit on May 28-30, 2025, at Loyola University Chicago.

Be part of the national conversation on lay ministry, where NALM is bringing together lay leaders from across the nation - look for the exciting details coming soon!

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