ALBUQUERQUE – Tuesday, May 25, 2021–IMMEDIATE RELEASE— Funeral arrangements have been made for Reverend Graham Golden, O. Praem., 35, only beloved son of Dan and Deborah Golden. He was the pastor of St. Augustine – Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Isleta Pueblo. Fr. Graham was killed in a car accident on Friday, May 21, 2021 as he and Brother Lorenzo (Edgar) Romero-Ramos, who was injured but is recovering, were leaving Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey. Celebrating Fr. Graham Golden’s funeral Mass will be Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe; Right Reverend Joel P. Garner, O. Praem., Abbot of Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey; Reverend Andrew J. Pavlak, Pastor of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary; and priests of the Santa Maria de la Vid community.

The arrangements are as follows:

Thursday, May 27, 2021
Viewing of the Body at 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Holy Cross at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Community
Vigil Prayer Service at 7:00 p.m. (click here for live-stream link)
Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Community
5415 Fortuna Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

Friday, May 28, 2021
Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. (click here for live-stream link)
Reception to follow in the Sala of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Catholic Community
5415 Fortuna Road NW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

Fr. Graham was loved by many in the community, and while there will be a reserved section for Catholic and non-Catholic clergy, occupancy will be on a first come, first seated basis. COVID-safe practices will be in effect (social distancing at three feet and masks are required). There will be overflow available in the Chapel of the Holy Cross, and both the prayer vigil and funeral Mass will be live-streamed (see links above).

Fr. Graham touched so many lives in every part of New Mexico, therefore people are strongly encouraged to participate in the live-streamed services. Reverend Vincent Chavez, pastor of Shrine of the Little Flower, St. Therese of the Infant Jesus Catholic Church, has made arrangements to host the live-streamed prayer vigil and funeral Mass at St. Therese which will serve as an overflow to those who want to gather together, pray and participate in the services, but who are unable to attend Holy Rosary. St. Therese’s address is 3424 Fourth Street NW, Albuquerque, NM 87107. St. Pius X High School will also host both live-streamed services in the main gym. St. Pius’ address is 5301 St. Joseph’s Pl NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. Fr. Vincent Chavez and Fr. John Trambley, president of St. Pius, will consecrate the Eucharist during the funeral at each location to allow the faithful to receive communion.

Fr. Graham Golden’s organs are being donated so that he continues to serve the people of God, even in his death.

Archbishop John C. Wester stated, “[Fr. Graham] was filled with a contagious joy…. I cannot even imagine how much he will be missed by his family and beloved community at Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey. He will be missed by all of us in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe as well and by all those whose lives he touched – and there were many.”

Abbot Joel Garner said, “This is one of our most creative, gifted young members of the community. The loss on a small community is great.”

For updated information, please visit the Facebook pages of the Norbertine Community of Santa Maria de la Vid Abbey (@norbertinecommunity) or Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Parish (@HolyRosaryABQ). –END