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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Mrs. Helen Wester, Mother of Archbishop John C. Wester, Passes Away at 96**

ALBUQUERQUE – Tuesday, November 21, 2023– IMMEDIATE RELEASE – It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of Mrs. Helen Wester, mother of Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe. Mrs. Wester peacefully entered her heavenly home Monday, November 20, at her residence in California, while her son celebrated Mass by her side. Archbishop Wester requests she be remembered in prayers and finds eternal peace in the embrace of Christ.

Born on March 5, 1927, in San Francisco, Mrs. Wester was united in marriage to Charles Wester on September 11, 1948. Together, they were blessed with four children and were proud grandparents to nine grandchildren. Mrs. Wester's devotion to her family was unwavering, and her love and kindness touched the lives of all those who were fortunate enough to know her.

The funeral Mass will be Monday, November 27, at St. Gregory Church in San Mateo, CA, at 10 a.m. PST with a rosary preceding in the church at 9:30 a.m. A reception will follow in the parish hall, and the burial will occur at Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma, CA.

Kindly keep Archbishop Wester, his family, and all those affected by this loss in your thoughts and prayers. Prayers, Mass intentions, and support during this time are appreciated.-- END