

# ASSIGNMENT MEMO

From Very Reverend Glenn Jones,  
Vicar General, Vicar for Clergy

February 27, 2024

## ARCHBISHOP JOHN C. WESTER HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING ASSIGNMENTS:

Archbishop John C. Wester has made the following assignments. Apologies for late distribution.

- ▶ **Effective Saturday, July 1, 2023** - Very Reverend Chike Uba, has been appointed as Dean of Albuquerque A Deanery, this is in addition to his current assignment as parish administrator of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Albuquerque.
- ▶ **Effective Thursday, July 6, 2023** - Reverend Giles Barrie, C.F.R., newly arrived, has been granted faculties while assigned to San Juan Diego Friary in Albuquerque.
- ▶ **Effective Thursday, July 20, 2023** - Reverend Emmanuel Okoye, newly arrived, has been appointed as parochial vicar at Estancia Valley Catholic Parish in Moriarty, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Robert Lancaster.
- ▶ **Effective Tuesday, August 1, 2023** - Reverend Adrian Sisneros, previously parochial vicar of Estancia Valley Catholic Parish in Moriarty, has been appointed as pastor of St. Joseph in Cerrillos and its missions.
- ▶ **Effective Friday, September 1, 2023** - Reverend Luis Gabriel Gomez Lopez, S.F., previously parochial vicar of Holy Cross in Santa Cruz, has been appointed as parish administrator of Holy Cross in Santa Cruz.
- ▶ **Effective Saturday, October 7, 2023** - Deacon George Valverde has been granted retirement after serving for over 30 years at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Albuquerque.
- ▶ **Effective Monday, October 23, 2023** - Reverend Juan Plans, S.F. has been appointed as parochial vicar at Holy Family in Chimayo and its missions, under the guidance of the parish administrator, Reverend Sebastian Lee, S.F.
- ▶ **Effective Friday, December 29, 2023** - Very Reverend Oscar Coelho, previously judicial vicar and pastor of San Martin de Porres in Albuquerque, has been granted a leave of absence.
- ▶ **Effective Monday, January 1, 2024** - Reverend Adam Ortega y Ortiz has been appointed to minister in the tribunal of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe under the acting judicial vicar and assist Deacon Robert Vigil in prison ministry.
- ▶ **Effective Monday, January 1, 2024** - Reverend Serapio Lopez-Cruz, newly arrived, has been appointed as parochial vicar at San Isidro in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the parish administrator, Reverend Jose Herrera.

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- ▶ Effective Tuesday, January 2, 2024- Very Reverend Chike Uba has been incardinated into the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
- ▶ **Effective Tuesday, January 2, 2024** - Reverend Albert Mutebi Ssekabembe has been incardinated into the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
- ▶ **Effective Tuesday, January 16, 2024** - Reverend Juan Gerardo Sanchez-Torres, S.F., newly arrived, has been appointed parochial vicar at Holy Cross in Santa Cruz, under the guidance of the parish administrator, Reverend Luis Gabriel Gómez Lopez, S.F.
- ▶ **Effective Thursday, February 1, 2024**- Very Reverend Ronald Walters, O.F.M., has been appointed as judicial vicar for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
- ▶ **Effective Thursday, February 1, 2024**- Reverend Javier Gutierrez, S.F., previously pastor of Holy Cross in Santa Cruz, has been appointed as parish administrator of San Martin de Porres in Albuquerque.
- ▶ **Effective Thursday, February 1, 2024** - Deacon Larry Torres, previously assigned at Holy Trinity in Arroyo Seco, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Taos, under the guidance of the parish administrator, Reverend Felice Peter Mgendwa.
- ▶ **Effective Thursday, February 1, 2024** - Deacon Joey Silva, previously assigned at Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Taos, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at San Francisco de Asis in Ranchos de Taos, under the guidance of the pastor, Very Reverend Michael Garcia.
- ▶ **Effective Thursday, February 1, 2024** - Deacon Christopher Martinez, previously assigned at Our Lady of Belen in Belen, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Immaculate Conception in Tome, under the guidance of the parish administrator, Very Reverend Michael Demkovich.
- ▶ **Effective Thursday, February 1, 2024** - Deacon Dennis Montoya, previously assigned at Sacred Heart in Española, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at San Juan Bautista in Ohkay Owingeh, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Nathan Lopez.
- ▶ **Effective Wednesday, February 14, 2024** - Reverend James Joshe Duplissey, Jr., retired from Diocese of Las Cruces, has been contracted as a priest chaplain at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque.
- ▶ **Effective Wednesday, February 14, 2024** - Deacon Harold "Bob" Pullings has been granted retirement after serving over 25 years at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Clovis.

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- ▶ **Effective Thursday, February 22, 2024** - Very Reverend Timothy Martinez has been appointed as Dean of Albuquerque B Deanery, this is in addition to his current assignment as pastor at St. Charles in Albuquerque.
- ▶ **Effective Friday, March 1, 2024** - Deacon Daniel Kennedy, previously assigned at Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Peña Blanca and its missions, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows in Bernalillo, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Clement Niggel.
- ▶ **Effective Monday, April 1, 2024** - Reverend Johnpaul Afuecheta, pastor of St. Anne in Tucumcari, has been granted leave of absence.
- ▶ **Effective Monday, April 1, 2024** - Reverend Cameron Degani, parochial vicar of Our Lady of Sorrows in Las Vegas, has been appointed to be pastor of St. Anne in Tucumcari.