

ASSIGNMENT MEMO

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

May 18, 2026

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

Effective Sunday, February 22, 2026 - Deacon Timoteo Lujan, previously assigned at Our Lady of Fatima in Albuquerque, has been appointed to diaconal ministry at St. Francis Xavier in Albuquerque under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Bijoy Francis.

Effective Friday, February 27, 2026 - Reverend Chinedu Raphael Anieke, newly arrived, has been granted faculties while serving as a chaplain for the Bernalillo County Jail in Albuquerque.

Effective Thursday, April 2, 2026 - Deacon Charles Navarrete, has been incardinated into the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Effective Wednesday, April 15, 2026 - Reverend Tobeckwu Oluoha, has been incardinated into the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Effective Friday, May 1, 2026 - Reverend Luis Gabriel Gomez, has been appointed as a sacramental minister at San Jose Parish in Albuquerque, under the direction of the pastor, Reverend Eulalio Arteaga y Pinon.

Effective Monday, June 1, 2026 - Reverend James Sanchez, previously assigned at St. John the Baptist in Santa Fe, has been appointed as pastor at Immaculate Conception in Las Vegas.

Effective Monday, June 1, 2026 - Reverend Monsignor Douglas Raun has been granted retirement.

Effective Monday, June 1, 2026 - Reverend Dennis Garcia, previously assigned at Immaculate Conception in Las Vegas, has been appointed as pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho.

Effective Monday, June 1, 2026 - Reverend Valentine Phu Au, previously assigned at St. Thomas Apostle in Abiquiu, has been appointed as pastor at St. John the Baptist in Santa Fe.

Effective Monday, June 1, 2026 - Reverend Johnpaul Afuecheta, previously assigned at Santa Maria de La Paz in Santa Fe, has been appointed as pastor at St. Thomas Apostle in Abiquiu.

Effective Saturday, June 6, 2026 - Reverend Michael Villavicencio has been appointed as parochial vicar at the Church of Incarnation in Rio Rancho, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Michael Garcia.

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Effective Monday, June 15, 2026 - Reverend Tobechukwu Oluoha, previously assigned at Our Lady of Sorrows in La Joya, has been appointed as pastor at Holy Trinity in Arroyo Seco.

Effective Monday, June 15, 2026 - Reverend Christopher Bernabe, previously assigned at Estancia Valley in Moriarty, has been appointed as pastor at Our Lady of Sorrows in La Joya.

Effective Monday, June 15, 2026 - Reverend Christopher Kyte, has been appointed as Parochial Vicar at Santa Maria de La Paz in Santa Fe, under the guidance of the pastor, Reverend Darrell Segura, Jr.

Effective Wednesday, July 1, 2026 - Reverend Scott McKee, previously assigned at St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho, has been appointed as pastor at St. Francis Xavier in Albuquerque.

Effective Wednesday, July 1, 2026 - Reverend Kevin Obiesie, previously assigned at St. Thomas Aquinas University Parish, has been appointed as parochial vicar at St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho.