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NEWS RELEASE

Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe,
To Ordain Two Seminarians to the Order of Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe
May 23, 2026 | 10 a.m.
Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi
131 Cathedral Pl, Santa Fe 87501

ALBUQUERQUE –Thursday, May 21, 2026—IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Most Reverend John C. Wester, Archbishop of Santa Fe, will ordain two seminarians to the Order of Priesthood in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe on Saturday, May 23, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe.

Deacon John Paul Langsfeld and Deacon Martin Nchedo Umeatuegbu will be ordained to the priesthood. The solemn liturgy, celebrated by Archbishop Wester, will include the laying on of hands and the invocation of the Holy Spirit as the new priests receive the sacrament of Holy Orders, dedicating their lives to sacramental ministry, preaching, and pastoral care. Live stream [here](#).

“Ordinations are always a moment of great hope for the Catholic Church,” said Archbishop Wester. “These men have generously answered God’s call with dedication and trust. As they begin their priestly ministry, they will bring the Gospel, the sacraments, and Christ’s compassion to the communities they are called to serve.”

The ordinations highlight the continued growth of vocations within the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and the enduring mission to nurture faith, discipleship, and pastoral service throughout New Mexico.

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Deacon John Paul Langsfeld



Deacon Martin Umeatuegbu