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Press Conference on Significant Advancement in the Servant of God Sister Blandina Segale's Cause for Canonization

ALBUQUERQUE—Sunday, May 31, 2026 —IMMEDIATE RELEASE— Media are invited to attend a Press Conference on Significant Advancement in the Servant of God Sister Blandina Segale's Cause for Canonization.

WHAT: Press conference to announce a major and unanimous vote by Vatican Theologians to advance the Cause of Beatification and Canonization for Servant of God Sister Blandina Segale, "The Fastest Nun in the West." This crucial step brings her closer to being declared "Venerable" by the Holy Father.

WHO:

- **Allen Sánchez**, President of CommonSpirit St. Joseph's Children, Petitioner for the Cause of Canonization for Sister Blandina Segale
- **Most Reverend John C. Wester**, Archbishop of Santa Fe
- **Sister Andrea Koverman, SC** Chair of the Board of Directors, CommonSpirit St. Joseph's Children

WHEN: Monday, June 1, 2026 | 12 p.m.

WHERE: San Felipe de Neri Church, [2005 N Plaza St NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104](#) (in front of the Blandina Segale Convent)

VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION: A live virtual broadcast of the press conference:
youtube.com/watch?v=n3Vuw8IWJV8

WHY: This press conference will provide details on the unanimous vote by Vatican Theologians, the next steps in the canonization process, and the historical and spiritual significance of this development for Servant of God Sister Blandina Segale, whose heroic virtues and tireless work serving the most vulnerable in New Mexico and beyond continue to be the "The Fastest Nun in the West."

RSVP: Media interested in attending in person or virtually are requested to RSVP to Allen Sánchez at Allen.Sanchez@CommonSpirit.org or (505) 319-3334.

Interviews: Interview opportunities with Allen Sánchez, Most Reverend John Wester and Sister Andrea Koverman will be available immediately following the press conference.

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About CommonSpirit St. Joseph's Children: CommonSpirit St. Joseph's Children continues Sister Blandina's mission of caring for vulnerable children and families. Through programs like the Joyful Parenting Program and Sobriety Program, they provide free resources and support for new parents across New Mexico, offering guidance on child development, health, and family well-being. Learn more and register at stjosephnm.org/register.