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Bishop, Priests of Diocese Receive COVID-19 Vaccines

By Fernie Ceniceros
Editor, Rio Grande Catholic

El Paso county will soon hit its first milestone of vaccinating 10% of its population, making it the first urban county in Texas to hit the milestone as El Paso struggles to contain the spread of the Coronavirus in El Paso County.

Almost 63,000 El Pasoans have received with the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccinations since their initial emergency FDA approval in December of 2020.

Several Priests over the age of 65 and Bishop Mark Seitz have received their first dose of the COVID-19 Vaccination. As of the writing of this article, 4 of the 5 priests ministering to COVID-19 patients have been fully vaccinated against the novel coronavirus.

"I am grateful to God that I and several of our priests have been able to receive their vaccines," Bishop Mark Seitz said. "This will make us more able to bring the Sacraments to the sick without as great a danger of inadvertently spreading the virus or catching it ourselves."

We join our hopes with all the members of our community that the availability of the vaccine will mark the beginning of the end of this terrible Pandemic," he added.

On the day he received the vaccine Bishop Seitz also sent a letter to the CEO of Moderna, the maker of the vaccine. He expressed his gratitude for their work to find a cure for this virus, but he also urged that in the future vaccines would be developed that do not make use of tissues gained from the violent and inhuman act of abortion.

The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, concluded "it is morally acceptable to receive COVID-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses" in the research and production process when "ethically irreproachable" vaccines aren't available to the public. But it stressed that the "licit" use of such vaccines "does not and should not in any way imply that there is a moral endorsement of the use of cell lines proceeding from aborted fetuses," it stated.

"I encourage Catholics in our diocese to be mindful of the origins of these vaccines in regards to the use of cell lines from aborted fetuses," Bishop Seitz said. "I encourage every Catholic in our diocese to continue to pray for an end to abortion and to pray that pharmaceutical companies change the way vaccines are developed in the use of cell lines from aborted fetuses," Bishop Seitz ended.



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Obispo, Sacerdotes Reciben Vacunas de COVID-19

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El condado de El Paso pronto alcanzará su primer hito de vacunar al 10% de su población, convirtiéndose en el primer condado urbano de Texas en alcanzar el hito mientras El Paso lucha por contener la propagación del Coronavirus en el condado de El Paso.

Casi 63.000 habitantes de El Paso han recibido con las vacunas de Pfizer o Moderna COVID-19 desde su aprobación inicial de emergencia de la FDA en diciembre de 2020.

Varios sacerdotes mayores de 65 años y el obispo Mark Seitz han recibido su primera dosis de la vacuna COVID-19. Al momen-

to de escribir este artículo, 4 de los 5 sacerdotes que atienden a los pacientes de COVID-19 han sido completamente vacunados contra el nuevo coronavirus.

"Estoy agradecido a Dios porque yo y varios de nuestros sacerdotes hemos podido recibir las vacunas", dijo el obispo Mark Seitz. "Esto nos hará más capaces de llevar los sacramentos a los enfermos sin tanto peligro de propagar inadvertidamente el virus o de contagiarnos nosotros mismos.

Unimos nuestras esperanzas a las de todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad para que la disponibilidad de la vacuna marque el principio del fin de esta terrible pandemia", añadió.

El día que recibió la vacuna, el obispo Seitz también envió una carta al director general de Moderna, el fabricante de la vacuna. Expresó su gratitud por su trabajo para encontrar una cura para este virus, pero también instó a que en el futuro se desarrolle vacunas que no utilicen tejidos obtenidos del acto violento e inhumano del aborto.

La Congregación para la Doctrina de la Fe del Vaticano, concluyó que "es moralmente aceptable recibir vacunas COVID-19 que han utilizado líneas celulares de fetos abortados" en el proceso de investigación y producción cuando las vacunas "éticamente irreprochables" no están disponibles para el público. Pero

subrayó que el uso "lícito" de tales vacunas "no implica ni debe implicar en modo alguno que haya un respaldo moral al uso de líneas celulares procedentes de fetos abortados", afirmó.

"Animó a los católicos de nuestra diócesis a ser conscientes de los orígenes de estas vacunas en lo que respecta al uso de líneas celulares procedentes de fetos abortados", dijo el obispo Seitz. "Animó a todos los católicos de nuestra diócesis a seguir rezando por el fin del aborto y a rezar para que las empresas farmacéuticas cambien la forma de desarrollar las vacunas en el uso de líneas celulares de fetos abortados", finalizó el obispo Seitz.

Editor's Note / Nota del Editor

Hello Faithful reader. In 2021, we are celebrating our 30th anniversary and as we move into our 30th faithful year, I have invited your former editors and contributors to the Rio Grande Catholic, to join us to give an insight into their time serving you as this newspaper's editor and con-

tributor. This month I am pleased to welcome back Nancy Ramos, Editor of the Rio Grande from 2016-2018. Thank you Nancy for your faithful service to the people of our diocese.

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Editor, Rio Grande Catholic

este periódico. Este mes me complace dar la bienvenida a Nancy Ramos, editora del Rio Grande de 2016 a 2018. Gracias Nancy por tu fiel servicio a la gente de nuestra diócesis.

- Fernie Ceniceros
Editor, Rio Grande Catholic

EDITOR'S COLUMN - NANCY RAMOS

Labor of Love



Nancy Ramos

It was a Labor of Love and the popular sentiment "if you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life." Those were my first thoughts when asked to write this month's Editor's Column about what the Rio Grande Catholic has meant to me and to so many over the last 30 years. 2021 marks a pearl anniversary for the RGC and I am blessed to be able to celebrate it with you, its readers!

My memories of working on the issues of the Rio Grande Catholic every month are some of the fondest memories I have of working at the El Paso Diocese. As the Communications Director and Editor of the RGC I had the responsibility of providing all our readers intimate insight as to what good news

was taking place at our parishes and centers. I felt privileged to deliver the stories being lived out in our diocesan ministries. It was an honor to share the experiences of our seminarians and the journeys of our religious sisters. Every RGC news story written then and now carries within it the love of so many disciples in our Church communities laboring tirelessly for

the love of Christ. Being a part of the RGC allowed me to bear witness to this essential work that unites us. It also allowed me to work at being a better Catholic.

Today the diocese is celebrating Catholic faith digitally and safely. Church volunteers, catechists, candidates, catechumen, ministry and parish staff have embraced working remotely. Parish priests are telling stories of their own every Sunday in live Facebook homilies. El Paso TV delivers Bishop Seitz into our homes weekly. Regardless of pandemic restrictions we find ways to celebrate and continue the work of the faithful. The evolution of the RGC into video storytelling and social media from its original newspaper page beginnings has been

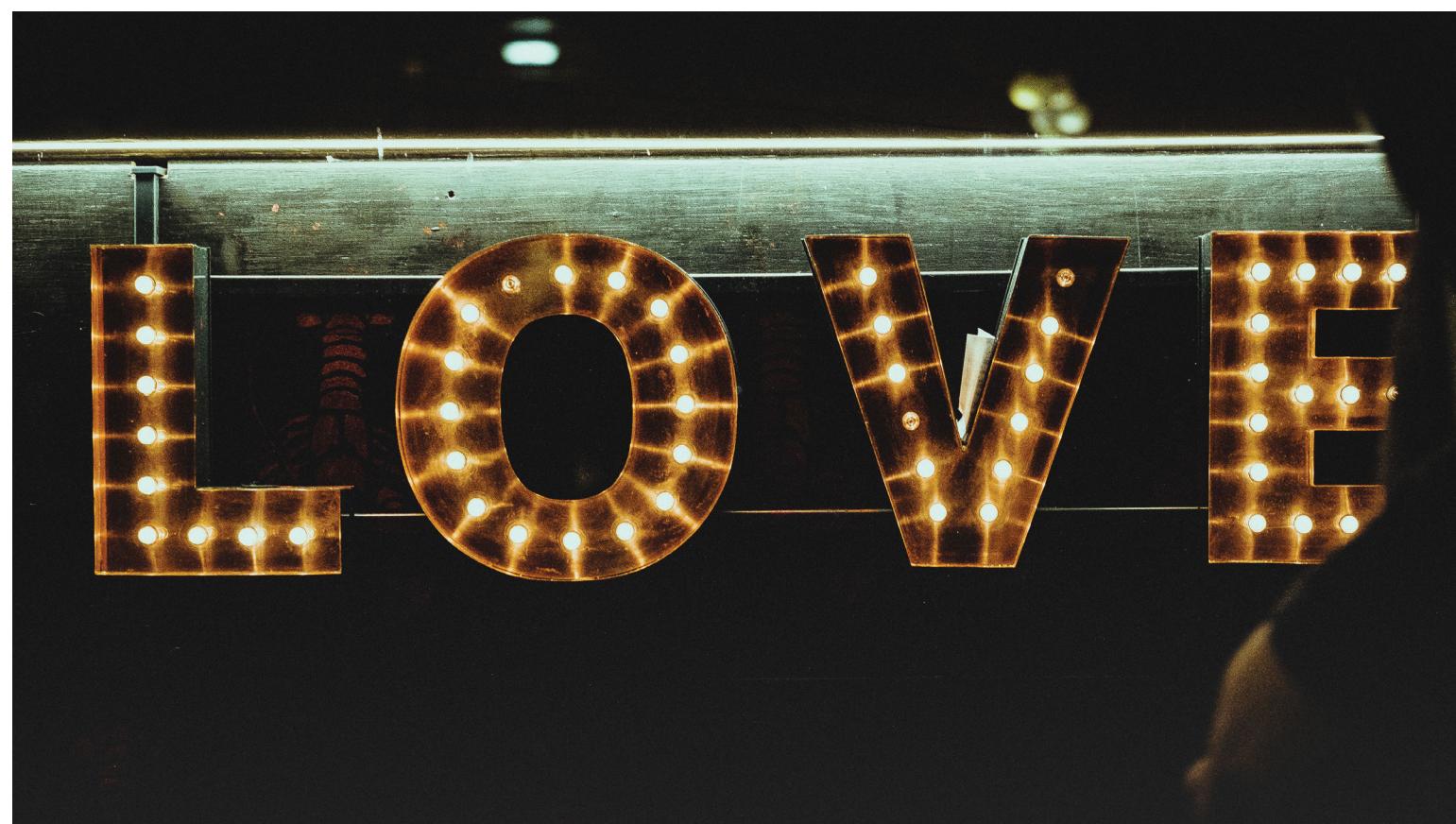
an extraordinary curation of content. The current RGC staff and communications team have broadened their reach and pivoted remarkably into new delivery platforms.

As Catholics, now more than ever, it is important that we celebrate and document our labors as wins towards spreading Christian love. Just as John 13:35 indicates "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another", today's global community is depending on us to love our neighbor as we should. Our human race is facing great adversity but our vibrant communities and parish ministries highlighted monthly in the Rio Grande Catholic remind us that ours is the Kingdom and sharing our faith is our duty.

For 30 years the RGC has ensured the Catholic tradition, experiences and views of catholics in our region continue to be a part of our dialog. The RGC makes sure that Catholics in this diocese remain visible to history. This newspaper is not just a collection of stories about our catholic communities, it is a tangible chronicled record of who and what we faithful are and what we aspire to be. The RGC is the permanent record of what this part of the world will know about us long after we leave. I am grateful the Rio Grande Catholic allowed me to have my little part in it.

Happy Anniversary Rio Grande Catholic and thank you for continuing to tell our catholic story.

Un Trabajo De Amor



Fue un trabajo de amor y el sentimiento popular "si amas lo que haces, nunca trabajarás un día en tu vida". Esos fueron mis primeros pensamientos cuando me pidieron que escribiera la Columna del Editor de este mes sobre lo que el Rio Grande Catholic ha significado para mí y para tantos en los últimos 30 años. El 2021 marca un aniversario de perlas para el RGC y tengo la bendición de poder celebrarlo con ustedes, sus lectores.

Mis recuerdos de trabajar en los números del Rio Grande Catholic cada mes son algunos de los recuerdos más gratos que tengo de trabajar en la Diócesis de El Paso. Como Directora de Comunicaciones y Editora de la RGC tenía la responsabilidad de proporcionar a todos nuestros lectores una visión íntima de las buenas noticias que ocurrían en nuestras parroquias y centros. Me sentí privilegiada de entregar las historias que se viven en nuestros ministerios diocesanos. Fue un honor compartir las experiencias de nuestros seminaristas y los viajes de nuestras religiosas. Cada noticia de la RGC escrita entonces y ahora lleva dentro el amor de tantos discípulos de nuestras comunidades eclesiales que trabajan incansablemente por el amor de Cristo. Formar parte de la RGC me permitió dar testimonio de esta labor esencial que nos une. También me permitió trabajar para ser un mejor católico.

Hoy la diócesis celebra la fe católica de forma digital y segura. Los voluntarios de la Iglesia, los catequistas, los candidatos,

los catecúmenos y el personal del ministerio y de la parroquia han adoptado el trabajo a distancia. Los sacerdotes de las parroquias cuentan sus propias historias cada domingo en homilías en directo a través de Facebook. El Paso TV lleva al Obispo Seitz a nuestros hogares cada semana. Independientemente de las restricciones de la pandemia, encontramos formas de celebrar y continuar el trabajo de los fieles. La evolución de la RGC hacia la narración en video y los medios sociales desde sus inicios en la página del periódico ha sido una extraor-

dinaria curación de contenidos. El personal actual de la RGC y el equipo de comunicaciones han ampliado su alcance y han pivotado notablemente hacia nuevas plataformas de difusión.

Como católicos, ahora más que nunca, es importante que celebremos y documentemos nuestras labores como victorias hacia la difusión del amor cristiano. Tal y como indica Juan 13:35 "Así es como todos sabrán que sois mis discípulos, si os amáis los unos a los otros", la comunidad global de hoy depende de que amemos a nuestro prójimo como es

debido. Nuestra raza humana se enfrenta a una gran adversidad, pero nuestras vibrantes comunidades y ministerios parroquiales destacados mensualmente en el Rio Grande Catholic nos recuerdan que el nuestro es el Reino y que compartir nuestra fe es nuestro deber.

Durante 30 años la RGC se ha asegurado de que la tradición católica, las experiencias y los puntos de vista de los católicos de nuestra región sigan formando parte de nuestro diálogo. La RGC se asegura de que los católicos de esta diócesis sigan siendo visibles para la historia.

Este periódico no es sólo una colección de historias sobre nuestras comunidades católicas, es una crónica tangible de quiénes y qué somos los fieles y qué aspiramos a ser. El RGC es el registro permanente de lo que esta parte del mundo sabrá de nosotros mucho después de que nos vayamos. Estoy agradecido de que Rio Grande Catholic me haya permitido tener mi pequeña parte en ello.

Feliz Aniversario Rio Grande Catholic y gracias por seguir contando nuestra historia católica.

The Long (and Fruitful) COVID Lent

The New Year 2021 is progressing quickly and now we find ourselves in its second month, February. Within weeks, on February 17th, we will enter our second COVID Lent. For many of us it may feel like we have marked one long Lent since last March when COVID began impacting the way we live here in the Borderland.

I can certainly identify with those feelings. It has been a long year of living in fear of unseen pathogens, a long year of anxiety for those who were sick, a long year of mourning our beloved dead, a long year of separation from family and friends, a long year of very limited travel, a long year of financial woes. Many have suffered with depression and other psychological challenges. Many have felt disconnected from God due to the inaccessibility of the Sacraments and their inability to participate in the life of the

Church.

Now with the advent of the vaccine we can begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel, but it is also becoming clear that this virus will continue to be a concern for a good while into the future. However successful we are here in this country in vaccinating a large percentage of the population, other parts of the world will lag well behind. That means that the virus will continue to mutate and threaten the effectiveness of our vaccines. The battle will continue until the world, poor countries as well as wealthy ones, are able to mount an effective response.

There are many lessons we can derive from this experience. I certainly believe that God has a way of bringing good out of our struggles. So, if we come to a clearer understanding of the truths of our life, due to this Pandemic, we will have gained a great deal from these trials. Allow me to suggest two

insights that could be very beneficial to us:

1. Human beings on this planet are deeply interconnected and interdependent. Property lines and borders are useful tools for marking off areas of particular responsibility, but they do not signify the ends of our involvement or concern. Technology, the economy, migration, travel, communications: all of these factors bring us closer as a human race than ever before. What St. Paul points out in I Corinthians 12 couldn't be more true today: "*So if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.*" We need to care for those beyond the comfortable confines of our artificial divisions if we all hope to be well.

2. The Pandemic has challenged our unconscious illusions about life in this world. We have expected that the penance of Lent would be a short-term un-



Bishop Mark J. Seitz

dertaking that follows the neat confines of a six-week season. The truth of life is that suffering is part of it. Frailty and trials are not temporary or under our control. This world is broken and no science, as impressive as it may be; no technology as rapidly advancing as it is, will change the basic foundational reality that this life is passing and, while it continues, it will involve suffering and trials.

Don't let these truths discourage you! For a Christian it is really Good News! The Lord is

calling us to a love that abounds beyond the narrow human limitations we tend to place on it. And God is inviting us to unite ourselves with the One who turns suffering into longing for the Kingdom, defeat into victory, death into resurrected life!

Let us embrace this time of Lent. God's best work unfolds when we open our eyes to the truth and, by our prayer and penance, unite ourselves with Christ in his passage.

La Larga (Y Provechosa) Cuaresma De COVID

El nuevo año 2021 avanza rápidamente y ahora nos encontramos en su segundo mes, febrero. Dentro de unas semanas, el 17 de febrero, entraremos en nuestra segunda Cuaresma COVID. Para muchos de nosotros puede parecer que hemos marcado una larga Cuaresma desde el pasado mes de marzo, cuando COVID comenzó a impactar la forma en que vivimos aquí en la Frontera.

Ciertamente puedo identificarme con esos sentimientos. Ha sido un largo año de vivir con miedo a los patógenos invisibles, un largo año de ansiedad para los que estaban enfermos, un largo año de luto por nuestros queridos muertos, un largo año de separación de la familia y los amigos, un largo año de viajes muy limitados, un largo año de problemas financieros. Muchos

han sufrido con la depresión y otros problemas psicológicos. Muchos se han sentido desconectados de Dios debido a la inaccesibilidad de los Sacramentos y a su incapacidad para participar en la vida de la Iglesia.

Ahora, con la llegada de la vacuna, podemos empezar a ver la luz al final del túnel, pero también está claro que este virus seguirá siendo una preocupación durante un buen tiempo en el futuro. Por mucho éxito que tengamos aquí en este país a la hora de vacunar a un gran porcentaje de la población, otras partes del mundo se quedarán muy atrás. Esto significa que el virus seguirá mutando y amenazando la eficacia de nuestras vacunas. La batalla continuará hasta que el mundo, tanto los países pobres como los ricos, sean capaces de montar una respuesta eficaz.

Hay muchas lecciones que podemos extraer de esta experiencia. Ciertamente creo que Dios tiene una manera de sacar lo bueno de nuestras luchas. Por lo tanto, si llegamos a una comprensión más clara de las verdades de nuestra vida, debido a esta pandemia, habremos ganado mucho de estas pruebas. Permitanme sugerir dos puntos de vista que podrían ser muy beneficiosos para nosotros:

1. Los seres humanos de este planeta están profundamente interconectados y son interdependientes. Las líneas de propiedad y las fronteras son herramientas útiles para delimitar áreas de responsabilidad particular, pero no significan el fin de nuestra participación o preocupación. La tecnología, la economía, la migración, los viajes, las comunicaciones: todos estos factores

nos acercan más que nunca como raza humana. Lo que San Pablo señala en I Corintios 12 no podría ser más cierto hoy: "*Así, si un miembro sufre, todos los miembros sufren con él; si un miembro es honrado, todos los miembros se alegran con él.*" Tenemos que cuidar a los que están más allá de los cómodos confines de nuestras divisiones artificiales si esperamos estar todos bien.

2. La pandemia ha desafiado nuestras ilusiones inconscientes sobre la vida en este mundo. Hemos esperado que la penitencia de la Cuaresma sea una empresa a corto plazo que se ajuste a los pulcros límites de una temporada de seis semanas. La verdad de la vida es que el sufrimiento forma parte de ella. La fragilidad y las pruebas no son temporales ni están bajo nuestro control.

Este mundo está roto y ninguna ciencia, por muy impresionante que sea; ninguna tecnología, por muy rápida que sea, cambiará la realidad fundamental de que esta vida es pasajera y, mientras continúe, implicará sufrimiento y pruebas.

No dejes que estas verdades te desanimen. Para un cristiano son realmente buenas noticias. El Señor nos llama a un amor que abunda más allá de las estrechas limitaciones humanas que solemos ponerle. Y Dios nos invita a unirnos a Aquel que convierte el sufrimiento en anhelo del Reino, la derrota en victoria, la muerte en vida resucitada.

Abracemos este tiempo de Cuaresma. La mejor obra de Dios se desarrolla cuando abrimos los ojos a la verdad y, con nuestra oración y penitencia, nos unimos a Cristo en su paso.

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Deacon Candidate and EPFD Chaplain Dies from COVID-19

By Fernie Ceniceros
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The Diocese of El Paso and the El Paso Fire Department Mourned the loss of Deacon Candidate and Retired Fire Department Chaplain, Ruben Flores as a result of COVID-19 in January of 2021.

Flores was a parishioner of Mt. Carmel Parish and decided to continue helping out as the chaplain for the El Paso Fire Department while 5 years into his studies for the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of El Paso.

"It saddens me to here of the loss of one of our deacon candidates, Ruben Flores," Bishop Mark Seitz said. "He will be truly



Deacon Candidate and Retired Fire Department Chaplain, Ruben Flores died as a result of COVID-19 in January of 2021. Photo by Al Baeza, Special to The Rio Grande Catholic.

missed not only in our diocese but also to the greater El Paso Community," Bishop Seitz said.

Lt. Flores was administered the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick prior to his death by Fr. Ivan Montelongo, one of the three priests assigned to the COVID-19 ministry by Bishop Seitz in December of 2020.

"Lt. Flores had a firm faith in God during his ordeal with COVID-19, Fr. Ivan Montelongo said. "I am happy that I was able to be with him toward the end of his journey and that I was able to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick just before he passed." Montelongo said.

Lt. Flores was laid to rest with

full color guard honors at Mt. Carmel Cemetery on January 20, 2021. His graveside service was broadcast via the El Paso Fire Department's Facebook page. They expressed their deep and profound loss on the El Paso Fire Department's twitter account.

"Today, we bid farewell to EPFD Lt. And Chaplain Ruben Flores. May you rest in peace, sir. We thank you for 25 years of outstanding service to El Paso and for being an inspiration to us all. May you rest in peace."

Since Lt. Flores' passing, the Diocese of El Paso has lost 2 priests along with Lt. Flores to the novel coronavirus.

Candidato a diácono y capellán de la EPFD muere por COVID-19

By Fernie Ceniceros
Editor, Rio Grande Catholic

La Diócesis de El Paso y el Departamento de Bomberos de El Paso están de luto por la pérdida del candidato a diácono y capellán retirado del Departamento de Bomberos, Rubén Flores, como resultado del COVID-19 en enero de 2021.

Flores era feligrés de la Parroquia del Monte Carmelo y decidió seguir ayudando como capellán del Departamento de Bomberos de El Paso mientras se dura cinco años de estudio para el diaconado permanente de la Diócesis de El Paso.

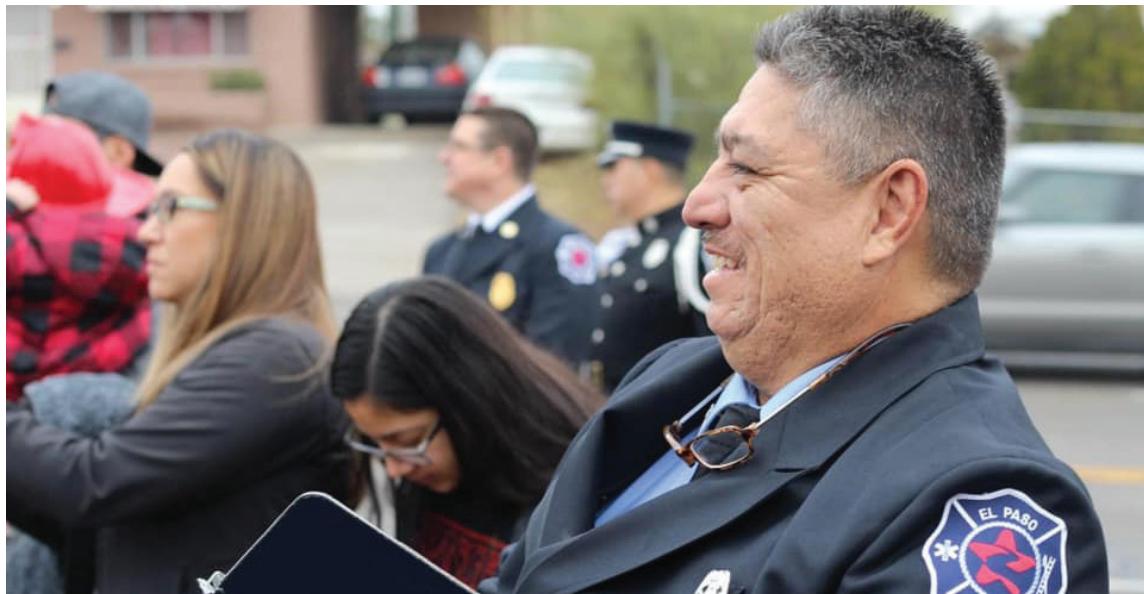
"Me entristece la pérdida de uno de nuestros candidatos al diaconado, Rubén Flores", dijo el Obispo Mark Seitz. "Se le echará mucho de menos no sólo en nuestra diócesis, sino también en la gran comunidad de El Paso", dijo el obispo Seitz.

El Lt. Flores fue administrado

el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos antes de su muerte por el P. Iván Montelongo, uno de los tres sacerdotes asignados al ministerio COVID-19 por el Obispo Seitz en diciembre de 2020.

"El Lt. Flores tenía una fe firme en Dios durante su calvario con el COVID-19, dijo el P. Iván Montelongo. "Estoy feliz de haber podido estar con él hacia el final de su viaje y de haber podido administrar el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos justo antes de que falleciera".

El Lt. Flores fue enterrado con todos los honores de la guardia de color en el cementerio del Monte Carmelo el 20 de enero de 2021. Su servicio de sepultura fue transmitido a través de la página de Facebook del Departamento de Bomberos de El Paso. En la cuenta de twitter del Cuerpo de Bomberos de El Paso expresaron su profunda pérdida.



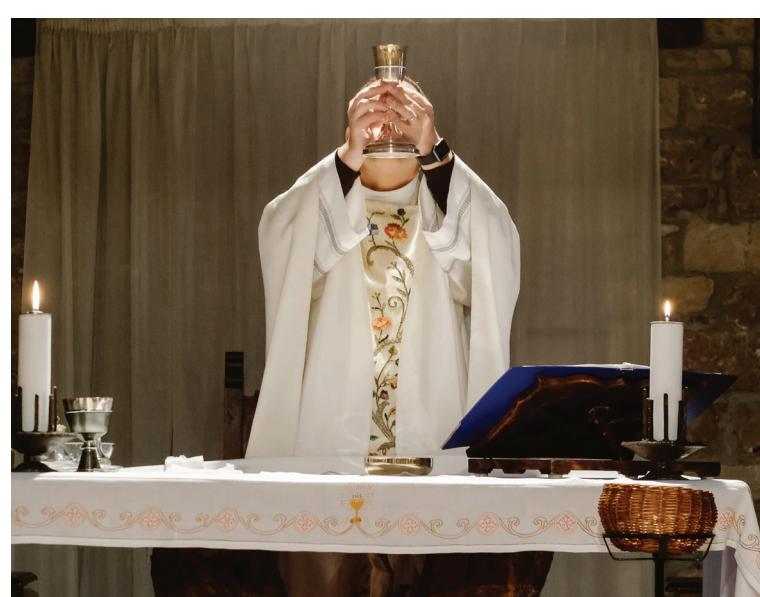
Candidato a diácono y capellán jubilado del Cuerpo de Bomberos, Rubén Flores falleció a consecuencia del COVID-19 en enero de 2021. Foto por cortesía del EPFD.

"Hoy despedimos al teniente y capellán del EPFD Rubén Flores. Que descance en paz, señor. Te agradecemos por 25 años de ser-

vicio excepcional a El Paso y por ser una inspiración para todos nosotros. Descanse en paz".

Desde el fallecimiento del

Teniente Flores, la Diócesis de El Paso ha perdido dos sacerdotes junto con el Teniente Flores por el nuevo coronavirus.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER!

Fr. Peter Precourt, AA	2/4
Fr. Mariano Lopez	2/14
Fr. Valentin Corta, MNM	2/14
Fr. Antonio Jovino Martinez (Extern)	2/18
Msgr. David Fierro	2/18
Fr. Salvador Augilera	2/22
Fr. Miguel Cervantes (Retired)	2/19



Diocese offers assistance for victims of sexual abuse

Bishop Mark J. Seitz invites anyone who has been a victim of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, religious, or any minister of the church, to contact the Victim's Assistance Coordinator, Mrs. Susan Martinez LCSW, at (915) 872-8465 or the Office of the Chancery, (915) 872-8407. The Church desires the healing of anyone that has been harmed.

La diócesis ofrece asistencia a las víctimas de abusos sexuales

El Obispo Mark J. Seitz invita a cualquier persona que haya sido víctima de abuso sexual por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o cualquier ministro de la iglesia, a contactar a la Coordinadora de Asistencia a las Víctimas, la Sra. Susan Martínez LCSW, al (915) 872-8465 o a la Oficina de la Cancillería, (915) 872-8407. La Iglesia desea la curación de cualquiera que haya sido dañado.



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Observing Lent in a Time of Pandemic

By Rev. Marcus McFadin, D.Min
Director, Office of Worship

You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made.

You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

(Entrance Antiphon for Ash Wednesday, Roman Missal, 3rd edition)

We will soon begin the annual pilgrimage through Lent in which we look to transform ourselves because God is love and desire that we live lives that reflect we are his adopted sons and daughters.

We should think of Lent as a journey, 40 days of conversion and renewal, such as the 40 days of Noah's flood when evil drowned and the earth washed clean. We fast for 40 days just like Moses, Elijah and Jesus, as they prepared themselves to fulfill their missions. We fast for 40 days to renew ourselves for Christian witness.

Lent is also about baptism. On the First Sunday of Lent, catechumens preparing for Baptism will celebrate the Rite of Election as the enter the final phase of preparation to receive the Easter Sacraments. The Baptized prepare to renew their Baptismal Promises: Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery



over you? Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin? Just those three questions guide us in our Lenten journey to examine our lives and to reflect upon our faith. It is more than saying I believe, it is about a life that witnesses to that profession of faith.

With this in mind I want to explain how our traditional practices will be different this year. Last Ash Wednesday we

were not under the restrictions of the pandemic and observed Ash Wednesday as always. This year will be different. Less people allowed to attend, and even the distribution of ashes will be done differently. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has issued the following instructions for the distribution of ashes within the context of Mass or the rite found in the Book of Blessing.

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The Priest then cleanses his

hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to him or, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

If you have watched an Ash Wednesday liturgy presided by the popes over the past several years, it is very similar. Also, Ash Wednesday is not a day of obligation and no one is obliged to get ashes. It is an outward symbol, a sacramental. Conversion of heart, a renewed relationship with Christ, participation in the Sacrament of Penance, anything that makes us a better Christian is the importance of Lent.

An additional change will be before Lent, the Memorial of St Blaise, Feb 3. The traditional blessing of throats with crossed candles is also not permitted. The priest is to follow the alternate blessing as found in the Book of Blessings. He will simply extend hands over the assembly at the end of the Prayer of the Faithful and proclaim the blessing without candles.

As the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Committee on Divine Worship for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issue instructions for Holy Week these will be also be implemented with explanation in the Diocese of El Paso.

Observar La Cuaresma En Tiempos De Pandemia

Por Rev. Marcus McFadin, D.Min
Director, Oficina de Alabanza

Tú eres misericordioso con todos, oh Señor y no desprecias nada de lo que has hecho.

Pasas por alto los pecados de la gente, para llevarlos al arrepentimiento y los perdonas, porque eres el Señor nuestro Dios.

(Antífona de entrada del Miércoles de Ceniza, Misal Romano, 3^a edición)

Pronto comenzaremos la peregrinación anual a través de la Cuaresma en la que buscamos transformarnos porque Dios es amor y desea que vivamos vidas que reflejen que somos sus hijos e hijas adoptivos.

Debemos pensar en la Cuaresma como un viaje, 40 días de conversión y renovación, como los 40 días del diluvio de Noé, cuando el mal se ahogó y la tierra

quedó limpia. Ayunamos durante 40 días como Moisés, Elías y Jesús, cuando se preparaban para cumplir sus misiones. Ayunamos durante 40 días para renovarnos para el testimonio cristiano.

La Cuaresma también tiene que ver con el bautismo. El primer domingo de Cuaresma, los catecúmenos que se preparan para el bautismo celebrarán el Rito de la Elección al entrar en la fase final de preparación para recibir los Sacramentos de la Pascua. Los bautizados se preparan para renovar sus promesas bautismales: ¿Renuncias al pecado para vivir en la libertad de los hijos de Dios? ¿Renuncias a la atracción del mal, para que el pecado no tenga dominio sobre tí? ¿Renuncias a Satanás, autor y príncipe del pecado? Sólo esas tres preguntas nos guían en nuestro camino cuaresmal para examinar nuestra vida y reflexionar sobre nuestra fe. Se trata

de algo más que decir "creo", se trata de una vida que dé testimonio de esa profesión de fe.

Con esto en mente, quiero explicar cómo nuestras prácticas tradicionales serán diferentes este año. El pasado Miércoles de Ceniza no estábamos bajo las restricciones de la pandemia y observamos el Miércoles de Ceniza como siempre. Este año será diferente. Se permitirá la asistencia de menos personas, e incluso la distribución de la ceniza se hará de forma diferente. La Congregación para el Culto Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos ha publicado las siguientes instrucciones para la distribución de la ceniza en el contexto de la Misa o del rito que se encuentra en el Libro de la Bendición.

El sacerdote reza la oración de bendición de la ceniza. Roció las cenizas con agua bendita, sin decir nada. Luego se dirige a todos

los presentes y dice una sola vez la fórmula tal como aparece en el Misal Romano, aplicándola a todos en general: "Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio" o "Recuerda que eres polvo y al polvo volverás".

A continuación, el Sacerdote se limpia las manos, se pone una mascarilla y distribuye la ceniza a los que se acercan a él o, en su caso, se dirige a los que están de pie en su lugar. El Sacerdote toma la ceniza y la esparce sobre la cabeza de cada uno sin decir nada.

Si ha visto una liturgia del Miércoles de Ceniza presidida por los papas en los últimos años, es muy similar. Además, el Miércoles de Ceniza no es un día de obligación y nadie está obligado a recibir la ceniza. Es un símbolo externo, un sacramental. La conversión del corazón, una relación renovada con Cristo, la participación en el Sacramento

de la Penitencia, todo lo que nos haga ser mejores cristianos es la importancia de la Cuaresma.

Un cambio adicional será antes de la Cuaresma, la Memoria de San Blas, el 3 de febrero. Tampoco se permite la tradicional bendición de gargantas con velas cruzadas. El sacerdote seguirá la bendición alternativa que se encuentra en el Libro de Bendiciones. Simplemente extenderá las manos sobre la asamblea al final de la Oración de los Fieles y proclamará la bendición sin velas.

A medida que la Congregación para el Culto Divino y el Comité para el Culto Divino de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos emitan instrucciones para la Semana Santa, éstas también se implementarán con una explicación en la Diócesis de El Paso.

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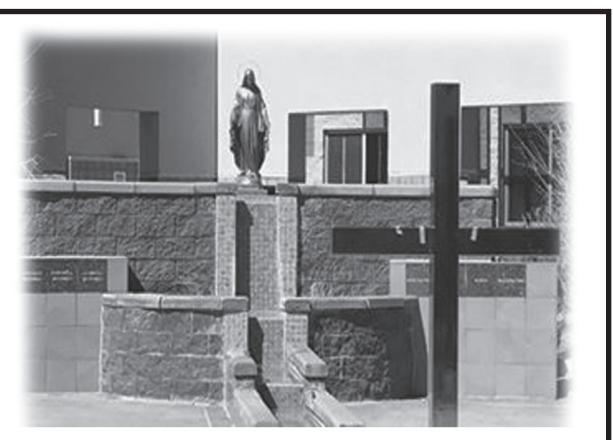
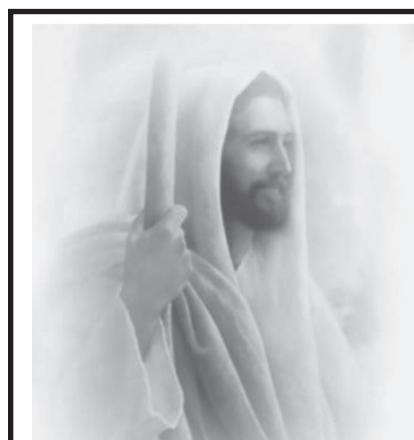
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Barbara's Story

By Sandra Ramirez
Communications Director, DMRS

The shortest route for migrants leaving Cuba trying to reach the United States is only 90 miles across the Florida Straits, typically in boats and rafts. Since the U.S. ended its “wet-foot, dry-foot” policy in 2017, the route many asylum seekers choose is an 8,000 mile journey through Guyana, Brazil, Colombia and much of South America to eventually enter the U.S. through Mexico.

Barbara is one of the Cubans who took this dangerous journey. Barbara spoke out against the Castro Regime in Cuba and as a result, she was beaten, tortured and

threatened. One of the beatings was so bad, Barbara suffered a miscarriage. She and her husband decided they had no choice but to leave Cuba.

The route Barbara traveled took her through the Darien Gap along the border of Colombia and Panama. This dense and dangerous area of the jungle is known to asylum seekers as the “Ruta de la Muerta,” or the death route. Barbara was joined by a large group of asylum seekers. As they trekked through the jungle during a treacherous rainstorm, a pregnant woman from Colombia went into labor. Barbara had worked as a nurse in Cuba, and used her education and

experience to deliver the baby on the dirt floor of a nearby hut. The baby was named at Darien, after the dangerous wilderness that showed no mercy to his mother.

Barbara continued on her journey and spent some time in Mexico before finally reaching the U.S. Mexico Border in Ciudad Juarez. Barbara and her husband entered the United States and were taken into custody by U.S. Border Patrol agents and placed in separate immigration detention centers. Barbara’s husband was released within a few days, while Barbara remained in custody for several months during the height of the coronavirus pandemic.

Barbara not only feared contracting the virus as she suffers from asthma and other health conditions, but she also feared being deported to her home country.

“I lived with the constant fear that I would be deported to Cuba. Every day I lived with the fear that the judge wouldn’t believe me,” said Barbara.

DMRS Attorney Marysol Castro represented Barbara and worked tirelessly until Barbara was finally released on parole and reunited with her husband and other relatives.

“I want to thank the association very much for helping me get out of the detention center. Many im-

migrants that come to this country are fleeing misery, crime, violence and authoritarian governments. I will always be thankful,” said Barbara.

Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services offers free and low-cost legal immigration services in El Paso, Texas. Our services also include Naturalization, Adjustment of Status, DACA applications, services for crime victims, and many more services.

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La Historia de Barbara

By Sandra Ramirez
Communications Director, DMRS

La ruta más corta para los migrantes que salen de Cuba y tratan de llegar a Estados Unidos es de solo 90 millas a través del Estrecho de Florida, normalmente en botes y balsas. Desde que Estados Unidos puso fin a su política de “pies secos, pies mojados” en 2017, la ruta que eligen muchos solicitantes de asilo es un viaje de 8,000 millas a través de Guyana, Brasil, Colombia y gran parte de Sudamérica para acabar entrando en Estados Unidos a través de México.

Bárbara es una de las cubanas que emprendió este peligroso viaje. Bárbara habló en contra

del régimen de Castro en Cuba y, como resultado, fue golpeada, torturada y amenazada. Una de las palizas fue tan fuerte que Barbara sufrió un aborto. Ella y su marido decidieron que no tenían otra opción que abandonar Cuba.

La ruta que siguió Bárbara la llevó a través del Tapón del Darién, en la frontera entre Colombia y Panamá. Esta densa y peligrosa zona de la selva es conocida por los solicitantes de asilo como la “Ruta de la Muerte”. A Bárbara se le unió un numeroso grupo de solicitantes de asilo. Mientras caminaban por la selva durante una traicionera tormenta, una mujer colombiana embarazada se puso de parto. Bárbara había trabajado como enfermera en

Cuba y aprovechó su formación y experiencia para dar a luz al bebé en el suelo de tierra de una cabaña cercana. El bebé fue bautizado en Darién, en honor a la selva peligrosa que no tuvo piedad de su madre.

Bárbara continuó su viaje y pasó algún tiempo en México antes de llegar finalmente a la frontera con Estados Unidos en Ciudad Juárez. Bárbara y su marido entraron en Estados Unidos y fueron detenidos por los agentes de la Patrulla Fronteriza estadounidense y puestos en centros de detención de inmigrantes separados. El marido de Bárbara fue puesto en libertad a los pocos días, mientras que Bárbara permaneció detenida durante varios meses en

plena pandemia de coronavirus.

Bárbara no sólo temía contraer el virus, ya que padece asma y otros problemas de salud, sino que también temía ser deportada a su país de origen.

“Vivía con el temor constante que me regresaran a Cuba. Cada día vivía con el temor de que el juez no me diera el creíble,” dijo Bárbara.

La abogada de DMRS, Marysol Castro, representó a Bárbara y trabajó incansablemente hasta que Bárbara fue finalmente liberada en libertad condicional y se reunió con su marido y otros familiares.

“Tengo mucha que agradecerle a la asociación que me ayudaron para poder salir del centro de detención. Mucho de los migrantes

que vienes aquí a este país, están huyendo de la miseria, la delincuencia, la violencia y los gobiernos autoritarios. Siempre estaré agradecida,” dijo Bárbara.

Servicios Diocesanos para Migrantes y Refugiados (DMRS) ofrece servicios legales de inmigración gratuitos y de bajo costo en El Paso, Texas. Los servicios también incluyen la Naturalización, el Ajuste de Estatus, las solicitudes de DACA, los servicios para las víctimas del crimen, y muchos más servicios.

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By Deacon Frank Segura
Director, Marriage and Family Life

My wife and I, and our 4 children, attended our first World Marriage Day mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in February, 1982. At that time, we had been married 8 years. We're going on 47 years now!

The excitement was contagious! About 200 couples and their families filled the church, and couples spilled out to the front stairs as we greeted each other with joyful smiles. It felt like we all had a secret to wedded bliss, and it was this joy from the Father that overflowed in our hearts. It was the joy of God in our midst, and his holy presence in our lives!

During mass, we thanked God for our marriages and families, and especially thanked God for his love and guidance. At one point, we renewed our wedding vows. Our children watched, witnessed the celebration with excitement too, as they also felt affirmed and blessed by God for his love and blessings in our lives!

God bestows many blessings upon us throughout our lives, and one of the powerful ways he blesses us is through our marriages. In wedded life, we learn about God's gifts of joy, love, forgiveness, charity and holiness.



World Marriage day mass at St. Patrick Cathedral in February 2019. Photo by Fernie Ceniceros

World Marriage Day is a celebration of the sacrament of Holy Matrimony, and the graces we receive as we learn to live out a sacramental life. It celebrates the Roman Catholic teaching that marriage is a covenant between

one man and one woman; and we commit before the Lord to lay our lives down for our spouse and our marriage, as did Jesus as a symbol of His love for the Church (Ephesians 5:21-33).

Of course, we remembered our

wedding vows, that special day, even remembered the day she said "yes". I remember my promise to be true to my wonderful spouse in good times and in bad, I sickness and in health. I promised to "love you and honor you all the days of

my life".

These past and present months have truly been a tough and different challenge. We can always look forward and be thankful for every day that we have, seek peace and forgiveness at all times. We pray for the grace to be kind and loving, especially when challenged. Our hearts are truly broken when we hear or learn of a precious one that is lost to this virus and we pray and hope for their surviving spouse and families. Our hearts and prayers go out to you and yours.

"May the Lord hold all His precious ones close to His Sacred Heart; may he bless us all and comfort us. Give us the grace , Lord, to walk ever more closely with You."

This year, we will celebrate World Marriage Day in your honor through your own parishes, if appropriate.

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Paz y Bien...

We thank God for all of you and your commitment to marriage. Peace be with you.

Dia De El Matrimonio Mundial 2021

Por Diacono Frank Segura
Director, Matrimonios y Vida Familiar

Mi esposa y yo, y nuestros 4 hijos, asistimos a nuestra primera misa del Día Mundial del Matrimonio en la Catedral de San Patricio en febrero de 1982. En ese momento, llevábamos 8 años casados. ¡Vamos a cumplir 47 años!

La emoción fue contagiosa! Aproximadamente 200 parejas y sus familias llenaron la iglesia, y las parejas se derramaron hacia las escaleras delanteras mientras nos saludamos con sonrisas alegres. Se sentía como si todos tuviéramos un secreto para la felicidad conyugal, y fue este gozo del Padre lo que se desbordó en nuestros corazones. ¡Fue el gozo de Dios en medio de nosotros y su santa presencia en nuestras vidas!

Durante la misa, agradecimos a Dios por nuestros matrimonios y familias, y especialmente agradecimos a Dios por su amor y guía. En un momento, renovamos nuestros votos matrimoniales. Nuestros niños vieron, presenciaron la celebración con entusiasmo también, ya que también se sintieron afirmados y bendecidos por Dios por su amor y bendiciones en nuestras vidas.

Dios nos concede muchas bendiciones a lo largo de nuestra vida, y una de las formas poderosas en que nos bendice es a través de nuestros matrimonios. En la vida matrimonial, aprendemos sobre los dones de Dios de gozo, amor, perdón, caridad y santidad.

El Día Mundial del Matrimonio es una celebración del sacramento del Santo Matrimonio y las gracias que recibimos a medida que aprendemos a vivir una vida sacramen-

tal. Celebra la enseñanza católica romana de que el matrimonio es un pacto entre un hombre y una mujer; y nos comprometemos ante el Señor a dar nuestra vida por nuestro cónyuge y nuestro matrimonio, como lo hizo Jesús como símbolo de su amor por la Iglesia (Efesios 5: 21-33).

Por supuesto, recordamos nuestros votos matrimoniales, ese día especial, incluso recordamos el día en que ella dijo "sí". Recuerdo mi promesa de ser fiel a mi maravilloso cónyuge en las buenas y en las malas, en la enfermedad y en la salud. Prometí "amarte y honrarte todos los días de mi vida".

Estos meses pasados y presentes han sido realmente un desafío difícil y diferente. Siempre podemos mirar hacia adelante y estar agradecidos por cada día que tenemos, buscar la paz y el perdón en todo momento. Oramos por la gracia de ser amables y amorosos, especialmente cuando se nos desafía. Nuestros corazones se rompen realmente cuando escuchamos o nos enteramos de un ser precioso que se ha perdido a causa de este virus y oramos y esperamos por su cónyuge y familias sobrevivientes. Nuestros corazones y oraciones están con ustedes y los suyos.

"Que el Señor mantenga a todos Sus seres preciosos cerca de Su Sagrado Corazón; que nos bendiga a todos y nos consuele. Danos la gracia, Señor, de caminar cada vez más cerca de Ti."

Este año, celebraremos el Día Mundial del Matrimonio en su honor a través de sus propias parroquias, si corresponde.

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Janet M. Crowe

Recently, I found a feel-good story circulating on social media that, like so many of these stories, made me chuckle at the humor and insight of the story and its author. However, the more I reflected on this particular little tale, the more wisdom and depth I discovered within it.

The story goes something like this. A preacher asked one of the elders of the church to lead the gathering in an opening prayer. The man rose, faced the congregation, and then bowed his head and simply stated, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The people looked at one another in confusion. After a slight pause, the man firmly declared, "Lord, I really hate lard."

Whispers could be heard from various corners of the church. The man didn't seem to hear any of them. His head still bowed, he continued, "And, Lord, I don't much care for plain old flour either."

Now the preacher was wondering how he was going to politely end these unseemly utterances.

As he started to rise, the man took a deep breath, and said, "But, Lord, after you mix them all together and bake them in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

Lifting his head to look around at the people gathered in the church, he said, "I'm not very good at doing stuff by myself. All alone, I can't make this world a better place for my children and grandchildren." Then he raised his eyes and continued, "And, Lord, I don't rightly understand why some things happen. I don't know what it is You are doing or even what You expect from me, but I do know that I might be able to do more when I work together with other folks. When we follow Your recipe of loving one another, even praying for each other, and we take the time to blend together who we are and what we have to give, then we know that You will take our offerings of love and hard work and bake up something mighty fine – even better than biscuits. Amen."

Just a cute story? Or maybe a little more.

Mother Teresa said, "We cannot all do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

Alone I can make small changes by the way I treat people, in the assistance I offer to someone in need, and by not shying away from doing a little bit more each time I see and hear of a way



I can help. Yes, those may be small actions on my part, but my small act of kindness or offer to help may make a huge difference in the life of the person who receives these small acts of love. Alone, I can do small things with great love.

Of course, we also must not forget the ripple effect. One smile or kind word spoken affects the life of the person who receives it as well as those nearby who witness it. Then those

people's hearts are touched to do the same for others. That one kind action ripples out to touch the lives of numerous others. Remember, both kindness and grumpiness will ripple outward toward others. We just have to choose which behavior we want to promote. I can do small things with great love that will multiply outward.

Jesus was one person. His message rippled amongst His listeners, taking root in the hearts

of many who spread that message to others. However, it didn't stop there because He also called together a group of followers to learn His recipes and to share His love with others. Jesus sent His followers out two by two, knowing they were stronger when they worked together, supporting one another as well as helping those they met along the way.

Think of how much greater good we can do when we work together with others to help those who need our talents, our time, our resources. I might be the lard and you might be the flour, but we still need the buttermilk to make those biscuits.

This Lent, let's reach out to others – safely, of course – and find ways to work together to bring God's love to those around us. To a woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy, we might be the one person who offers her the kind word or helping hand she needs that will literally save two lives – rescuing the life of her unborn child and saving her from a lifetime of grief and regret. Join 40 Days for Life this Lent by calling Southwest Coalition for Life at 833-388-5433 or contact Guiding Star at 915-544-9600 for other ways to help out. Share God's recipe of love with those who need your help.

Be the buttermilk and create something wonderful.

MAKING SENSE OF BIOETHICS

Vaccines and Other Entanglements with Abortion



Fr. Tad Pacholczyk

As the new COVID-19 vaccines are being rolled out, several people have told me, "I don't want a vaccine with any connection to abortion."

This is a valid sentiment that most of us would likely echo. At a minimum, it should serve as an important "call to action" for each of us during the course of this pandemic. Even if we decide to get inoculated with a vaccine that was produced using abortion-derived human cell lines — which for a serious reason and in the absence of alternatives would not be unethical — we still face a real duty to push back and make known our disagreement with the continued use of these cells by researchers in the pharmaceutical industry and academia.

We can do this in several ways. We can write a letter to the editor to heighten public awareness, or contact the pharmaceutical companies that make vaccines,

urging them to discontinue their use of abortion-derived cell lines. If they do so, we should also thank them.

We can similarly initiate discussions with friends or relatives who work in research labs about whether their company or university uses cells derived from abortions.

One of the "silver linings" of the COVID-19 pandemic is that it affords us the opportunity to raise awareness about these moral concerns and improve the way that biomedical research is conducted by scientists.

As one bishop I was speaking with reminded me recently: "We need to teach, educate and confront this issue more widely. It's everyone's duty." Such efforts will help build real momentum for change.

I'm often asked whether sample letters are available to help with writing to vaccine manufacturers who use abortion-derived cell lines. An example would be:

"I am writing in regard to your COVID-19 vaccine. It is my understanding that a cell line originally derived from an abortion is being used in the production of your vaccine. I am contacting you to request that your company stop relying on these cells in the pharmaceutical work that

you carry out. Please understand that as one of your potential customers, I am very concerned about these issues. It is my understanding that alternative, non-abortion-derived cell sources are available or could be made available. It is important for all of us to show our respect for the remains of those children whose lives were taken prematurely, and one way we can do this is by avoiding these cell lines in scientific research and pharmaceutical development. Thank you."

Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City and Chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, has also prepared a more detailed letter (available at: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/Letter-to-FDA-urging-ethical-COVID-vaccines.pdf>) that addresses the need to develop vaccines free of entanglements with abortion.

While such entanglements remain a significant concern, we also need to be aware how some of our daily activities may have a much more direct connection to the abortion industry.

Dr. Melissa Moschella recently observed how getting a vaccine made with the help of an abortion-derived cell line has "less connection to the ongoing evil of abortion than other actions

we engage in on a regular basis, such as doing business with the many companies that donate money directly or indirectly to Planned Parenthood, including Nike, Heinz, Energizer, Clorox, Facebook, JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, CVS, Walmart, Liberty Mutual, Aetna, and hundreds of others."

To put it another way, each time we purchase Tostitos/Frito Lay products, fill our gas tank with ExxonMobil gas or buy Pepsi products, our contribution to the continuation of abortion is significantly more direct than when we receive a vaccine manufactured with abortion-derived fetal cell lines. Each of these large consumer-oriented corporations make large financial contributions to Planned Parenthood, which promotes and directly performs the killing of unborn children in the United States and in other countries.

Widespread corporate collusion in the evil of abortion does not, of course, mitigate the ethical concerns about using cell lines taken from fetal cadavers to produce vaccines. But it does represent another important area where letter-writing, boardroom votes, boycotts, and other focused efforts by stockholders, employees and customers can

make a difference when it comes to scaling back the support mechanisms that Planned Parenthood and other abortion-minded organizations rely on.

As the Vatican emphasized in its recent "Note on the Morality of Using Some Anti-Covid-19 Vaccines," the reception of an inoculation made from abortion-derived cells "does not in itself constitute a legitimization" of the practice of abortion. Receiving the stick of the needle today does not mean we are somehow cooperating in an abortion that occurred decades ago and for reasons independent of vaccine production.

Each of us has a serious obligation to witness to the inviolability of human life. We need to take the time to speak up so that future vaccines and medicines will be developed without any reliance on abortion-derived materials.

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Cuando Crees En Dios Pero Te Preocupas Por Todo



Padre Wilson Cuevas

Sabemos que la preocupación es mala para la salud. Vivir preocupado es ir perdiendo la vida poco a poco; sin embargo vivimos preocupados por tantas cosas y parece que no pudieramos evitarlo. Y cuando no hay nada que nos preocupe, nos inquieta justamente eso: “Oh, todo va muy bien ahora. Seguro algo está por suceder...” Y siempre vamos a encontrar algo porque preocuparnos: Estamos pasando por el tiempo largo de esta pandemia del coronavirus y esta es ahora nuestra mayor preocupación de evitar contagiarnos, pero esta pandemia ha generado otras crisis y preocupaciones que son como una cascada:

Sobresaturación de pacientes en los hospitales, la economía va mal; no hay estabilidad laboral, conozco a muchos que hoy no saben como harán para pagar sus cuentas. Y como si no fuera suficiente las necesidades básicas (alimento, servicios, techo, ropa). Como mantener a salvo los hijos; los padres mayores. Como vamos a cuidarlos y si se enferman?

Además nos preocupamos por nuestra Iglesia; cómo vamos a hacer para que puedan continuar con su misión? Cuando vamos a poder volver a las Misas los Domingos, a celebrar los Bautismos las Primeras Comuniones de los niños, las Confirmaciones

de los jóvenes; los matrimonios de las parejas y los funerales de nuestros seres queridos que se nos han ido? Cuando vamos a poder volver a orar y hacer visitas a Jesús Sacramentado? El próximo mes, va a comenzar la Cuaresma con el Miércoles de Ceniza; vamos a poder participar en la celebraciones de apertura a la Cuaresma con la imposición de la ceniza? Que pasaría si...? La preocupación es no confiar en Dios; aunque creemos, confiamos más en nuestras capacidades, que en su fidelidad.

Los cristianos no confiamos en Dios, como afirmamos hacerlo. Pensamos: “Si, se que Dios es bueno y todo eso... Pero tengo esta situación bajo control. Y cuando resulta que no tenemos todo controlado, entonces nos desesperamos. La preocupación me recuerda a una señora que al llegar a su casa después de un día largo de trabajo, encuentra que su casa ha sido infectada de insectos, cucarachas, que llevan gérmenes. Qué hacer? ponerse a limpiar o prender el TV. Todo volumen hasta que se vayan? o tomarse los pasos necesarios para erradicarlas? Yo tomaría una determinación inmediata, llamar a un exterminador que fumigara toda la casa por dentro y por fuera; irme a un hotel, hasta que la casa se pudiera limpiar de todos esos insectos...

Es interesante que hiciéramos cualquier cosa para sacar de nuestro hogar esos insectos desagradables, contagiosos; pero aun así permitimos que nuestra vida este llena de actitudes, comportamientos y costumbres desagradables y dañinas. Porque? Pensemos en esto: Miedo, temor,

angustia y preocupaciones: Estos son insectos emocionales que se escurren por las esquinas de nuestros pensamientos y de nuestra alma. Al igual que un virus (llámeselo coronavirus) o insectos, estos sentimientos de preocupación no son sanos, son feos y prefieren la oscuridad, estar ocultos. En vez de coexistir con las preocupaciones y la ansiedad, o solo tener la esperanza que se irán, debemos tomas la decisión inmediata de decir: No voy a permitir que mi vida sea infectada o dirigida por la preocupacion!

Sentirse preocupados, inquietos y nerviosos con lo que está pasando con esta pandemia nos está filtrando el pasamiento y los sentimientos de casi todos. Preocuparse por las dificultades de nuestro mundo y de nuestra vida personal o familiar es natural en el ser humano, sin embargo si no tenemos cuidado, esas preocupaciones se convierten en temores y angustias irracionales que nos enferman y nos ponen al borde de la muerte, y no por lo que nos pueda pasar sino por lo que nos imaginamos. Esas preocupaciones imaginarias son dañinas y saber que muchas de las cosas que nos imaginamos no suceden...

La preocupación es una contradicción directa de la fe y roba nuestra paz, nos desgasta físicamente y hasta puede enfermarnos. La preocupación es completamente inútil porque nunca mejora nada. Cuando nos preocupamos nos atormentamos a nosotros mismos y estamos haciendo el trabajo del demonio. Porque seguimos preocupados? La mayor causa de preocupación es no confiar en que Dios se



encarga de las diferentes situaciones de nuestra vida (Sal. 45, 2/Jn. 16,33). Muchas veces ponemos nuestra confianza en nuestras propias capacidades creyendo que podemos resolver nuestros propios problemas, mejor que Dios. Nunca nos libraremos de las preocupaciones hasta que aprendamos a incluir a Dios en nuestras decisiones: “Si Dios quiere, Primero Dios, Dios mediante”. Aprender a confiar en Dios es desafiante, pero debemos entender finalmente que tratar de cuidar de todo por nosotros mismos es una tarea demasiado grande. Hay dos maneras de librarnos de las preocupaciones: Una, hacer lo que es sabio y pensar en lo correcto (podemos sentirnos tentados a “exagerar la fe”, subestimar la responsabilidad personal). Y la otra, entregar-

le a Dios mis preocupaciones. El humilde recibe ayuda. Muchos de nuestros temores se perpetúan, porque somos orgullosos como para pedir ayuda, o si pedimos ayuda no rehusamos soltar el asunto. Siempre recuerda estas cinco palabritas: El humilde recibe la ayuda. Entonces, si a tu manera no funciona, porque no intentas la manera de Dios y pedirle su ayuda. Además, necesitamos darnos cuenta que Dios no necesita nuestra ayuda! Ciertamente, siempre habrá situaciones que nos provoquen preocupación, pero con la ayuda de Dios, podremos vivir por encima de todo eso y disfrutar de la vida que Dios nos ha dado y vivir en paz! Propóngase este 2021 No importa que pase, confía en Dios! Dios te bendiga!

When You Believe In God But Worry About Everything

We know that worry is bad for our health. Living with worry is losing your life little by little; however we live our lives worried about so many things and it seems that we cannot avoid it. And even when there is nothing to worry about, it still worries us because, “Oh, everything is going so well now, surely something is about to happen ...” And we will always find something to worry about: We are going through this extended time of the Corona virus pandemic and this is now our greatest concern... To avoid contamination; but this pandemic has generated other crises and concerns that, like the descent of a waterfall, has created: oversaturation of patients in hospitals, the nation’s economy has plummeted; no labor stability in the workforce, and many others. I know many who today do not know how they will pay their bills. And as if basic necessities (food, services, shelter, clothing) were not enough, how to keep our children safe and our older parents as well.. How are we going to take care of them if they get sick?

We also worry about our church; how are we going to

make sure so it can continue with its mission? When are we going to be able to return to Mass on Sundays, to celebrate?

Baptisms of children, first communions for children, confirmations for our youth, marriages of couples, and the deaths of our loved ones that have departed from us?

When are we going to be able to pray and visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament again?

Next month, Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday; will we be able to have the participation by many in the opening celebrations of Lent with the imposition of ashes?

What would happen if...? The concern is not trusting God; although we believe, we trust more in our own abilities than in his fidelity.

We as Christians do not trust God, as we claim we do. We think: “Yes, I know God is good and all that ... but I have this situation under control. And when it turns out that we do not have everything under control, then we despair. This reminds me of a woman who, upon arriving at home after a long day at work, finds that her house has been infested with insects and roaches,

which carry germs. What to do? Start cleaning or turn on the TV full blast until they leave? OR take the necessary steps to eradicate them? I personally would make an immediate determination, call an exterminator to fumigate the house inside and out; and go to a hotel, until the entire house has been cleaned and all the insects are gone...

It is interesting that we would do anything to get those unpleasant and germ-carrying insects out of our home, but we still allow our lives to be filled with attitudes, unpleasant and harmful habits, behaviors and practices . Why ? Let's think about this: fear, dread, anguish and worries: These are emotional insects that trickle down to the corners of our thoughts and our very soul. Like a virus (call it coronavirus) or insects, these feelings of concern are not healthy, they are ugly and prefer the darkness, to be hidden. Instead of coexisting with worries or anxiety, or just hoping they will leave, we must make the immediate decision to say : I will not allow my life to be infected or determined by worrying!

Feeling worried, restless and nervous about what is happening

with this pandemic is seeping into and weighing down the emotions of almost all of us. Worrying about the difficulties in the world and in our own personal or family life is natural for us as human beings. However, if we are not careful, these worries can turn into irrational fears and anxieties that make us sick and put us on the brink of death, and not because of what could happen to us but because of what we imagine could happen to us.. These imaginary worries are harmful and we must realize that many of the things we imagine do not happen...

Worry is a direct contradiction of faith and robs our peace, wears us out physically, and can even make us sick. Worry is completely useless because it never improves anything. When we worry we torment ourselves and we are doing the work of the devil. Why are we still worried? The biggest cause for concern is not trusting God to handle different and difficult situations in our life (Ps. 45, 2 / Jn. 16,33) Many times we put our trust in our own abilities believing that we can solve our own problems better than God. We will never be free from worries until we learn

to include God in our decisions: “God willing, God first, God through us.” Learning to trust God is challenging, but we must understand finally that wanting to take care of everything by ourselves is too great a task. There are two ways to rid ourselves of worries: one, to do what is wise and think righteously (we may be tempted to “exaggerate faith,” understating our personal responsibility). And the other, to hand over our concerns to God. The humble one receives help. Many of our fears are perpetuated because we are too proud to ask for help, or if we do ask for help we refuse to accept it and let go of the matter. Always remember these five little words: the humble one receives help. So if your way doesn’t work, why don’t you try God’s way and ask for His help. Furthermore, we need to realize that God does not need our help! Certainly, there will always be situations that provoke worry and concern, but with the help of God, we can rise above all that and enjoy the life that God has given us and live in peace! Resolve in this year 2021, It doesn’t matter what happens, trust in God! God bless you!

Catholic Foundation Announces Partnership with FreeWill

By Sofia Larkin
Major Gifts Officer

The new year is a moment for prayer and resolution, and to set priorities for the year ahead. In that spirit, we want to introduce a new resource, and resolution, that is easy for our Catholic community to keep: protecting your blessings by writing a legal will. It's 100% free.

As grateful Catholics, God calls us to be stewards for loved ones and our faith, and estate planning is an essential way to accomplish both. By writing a will, you can protect the people you love and get peace of mind for the year ahead.

That's why the Catholic Foundation is partnering with FreeWill, a social venture featured in Forbes, The New York Times and Oprah's 31 Best Ways to Make a Difference — to provide a new resource to the community: a free tool to write a legal will. FreeWill has empowered



more than 160,000 Americans to plan for their futures and protect the things they love by removing the expensive legal fees often

associated with the process. This resource makes the process simple. As a result of our partnership with FreeWill,

individuals and families across El Paso and West Texas can now write a legal will in 20 minutes or less, completely for free.

The partnership with FreeWill also provides access to other important estate-planning documents, such as an Advanced Healthcare Directive (also known as a "living will") and a Financial Power of Attorney. Additionally, it can be used in tandem with the attorney of your choice.

Including the Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso—your favorite charity, ministry, parish, and school—in your estate plans is not a requirement to utilize this free service.

Get started on your free will today. Contact Major Gifts Officer Sofia Larkin at slarkin@elpasodiocese.org or 915-433.2003 or visit the Foundation's website at elpasodicefoundation.org and click on NEWS for a direct link to the Foundation's FreeWill page. Subscribe to our newsletters and stay informed about Catholic Foundation news and events.

Six Million Reasons to Celebrate

By Sofia Larkin
Major Gifts Officer

We started 2020 like any other year. We quickly had to pivot and reimagine how we do things. In the blink of an eye, the year is done and we have you—your support, prayers, and faith—to thank for making it an extraordinary year. Over \$6 million was raised by the Catholic Founda-

tion through the Progress Catholic Ministry Appeal, the Catholic Legacy Fund for permanent endowed funds and donor directed distributions, bequests, outside grants, the 14th Annual Foundation of Faith Event, and El Paso Giving Day. THANK YOU!

In 2020, the Foundation surpassed the Progress Catholic Ministry Appeal goal with a total of \$1,949,041 in contributions

from over 7,000 donors; raised \$1,114,806 for the Catholic Legacy Fund endowment and donor directed distributions throughout the Diocese; \$1,915,000 in bequests for Cathedral High School and the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund; and \$966,727 in outside grants. In addition, the 14th Annual Foundation of Faith Event, our first virtual event ever, brought in \$106,585, and

the community gave \$10,225 on El Paso Giving Day in support of the Permanent Diaconate Program.

The Foundation was established as a 501(c)3 Texas nonprofit corporation in 2001 by a group of Catholics committed to preserving the future. It began with seed money and has grown to be a philanthropic leader in the community. Donors just like you

took the Foundation from \$0 to more than \$19 million in permanent endowed funds. We are so close to our goal of \$25 million.

Our heart is full. Thank you for being a part of our Catholic Foundation Family in 2020. Get ready to celebrate 20 years in 2021!

Special Collection - Collectas Especiales

Collection for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe

There will be a Special Offering on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 for the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

The Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe is actively involved in rebuilding the faith of its people and reestablishing its congregations after the fall of communism more than two decades ago. In most parts of the region, the Church cannot yet support its own renewal and growth.

This special collection helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of the Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach.

Collection for the Black and Indian Missions

There will be a Special Offering on Saturday, February 20, and Sunday, February 21, 2021 for the Black and Indian Mission. The Catholic Church has conducted this appeal every year since 1884.

The funds from this collection help dioceses in mission work with Black and Indian communities by supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would not be able to exist. A portion of the funds collected each year is returned to the Diocese of El Paso in the form of a grant for the Tigua Native American Ministry.

On the weekend of February 20, and Sunday, February 21, 2021, please take the opportunity to contribute to the Black and Indian Mission Appeal, a portion of your donation will be returned to our Diocese. Thank you for your support.

La Ofrenda Especial para la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental

Habrá una Ofrenda Especial Anual el miércoles 17 de febrero 2021, para la Iglesia en Europa Central y Oriental.

La Iglesia en esta parte del mundo ha estado reedificando la fe de su gente y restableciendo sus congregaciones de hace más de dos décadas, con la caída del comunismo. En casi toda la región, la Iglesia no puede mantener aún su propio crecimiento y renovación.

Las donaciones de esta colecta ayudan a restaurar la Iglesia y construir el futuro en 20 países, muchos de los cuales todavía están luchando por recuperarse luego de haber estado bajo el régimen soviético. Los fondos de esta colecta financian la reconstrucción, la educación, la formación y los programas de extensión dirigido a los pobres.

Colecta para las Misiones en las Comunidades para Personas de Color e Indígenas

El sábado 20 y el domingo 21 de febrero del 2021, se llevará a cabo una colecta especial para las Misiones en Comunidades para Personas de Color e Indígenas. La Iglesia Católica ha seguido a este llamado todos los años, desde 1884.

Los fondos de esta colección ayudan a las diócesis en el trabajo misionero con las comunidades de personas de color e indígenas, al apoyar y fortalecer los programas de evangelización que de otro modo no podrían existir. Una parte de los fondos recaudados cada año se devuelve a la Diócesis de El Paso en forma de subvención para el Ministerio Nativo Americano Tigua.

El fin de semana del 20 y 21 de febrero del 2021, aproveche la oportunidad para contribuir a la Campaña para las Misiones en Comunidades para Personas de Color e Indígenas ya que una porción de su donación será devuelta a nuestra Diócesis. Gracias por su apoyo.

Ten Holy Habits to Stay in Love with God

By Karina Sandoval
Stewardship Coordinator

This year, the Foundation for the Diocese of El Paso invites you to stay in love with God and to reflect on the ways you feel closer to Him. What brings you joy, what gives you excitement, what makes you feel alive during the pandemic, what is God is calling you to do this year, and what are your resolutions? We encourage you to develop holy habits and stay in love with God.

Here's what Pedro Arrupe, SJ, a Spanish priest born in 1907 who dedicated his life to helping others, has to say about staying in love with God. "Nothing is more practical than finding God than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way, what you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and grati-

tude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything." As Father Arrupe tells you, let yourself be amazed by the practice of joy and gratitude in your life.

Ten Holy Habits for 2021

1. Begin your day with a morning offering.
2. Enjoy the wait. Use the time that "you're stuck" to be present or to pray.
3. Learn about the history of your faith and apply it to today.
4. Pick someone to pray for throughout the day.
5. Put together a small group together to reflect each week.
6. Give away something you love.
7. Get your Vitamin D with quick walk or just sitting outside enjoying God's beauty.
8. Ask a priest or deacon to bless your house or business in 2021.
9. Pray a daily or weekly rosary and consider gathering on Zoom to share the experience.
10. Awaken each day and ask God for the courage to be open to continuing revelation and epiphanies, great and small.



The Catholic Foundation offers many possibilities to give back for all the blessings that you receive. On Sundays, the Catholic Foundation can take your parish Sunday collection by phone at 915-872-8412 or

you can contribute online. Visit elpasodiocesefoundation.org and click on DONATE.

The Foundation wishes you a blessed, healthy and joyful 2021. May God bless you on St. Valentine's Day!

To learn more about living a Catholic Stewardship way of life and reengaging with your parish, contact Stewardship Coordinator Karina Sandoval at ksandoval@elpasodiocese.org.

Diez hábitos sagrados para permanecer enamorado de Dios

By Karina Sandoval
Stewardship Coordinator

Este año, la Fundación para la Diócesis de El Paso te invita a mantenerte enamorado de Dios y a reflexionar sobre las formas en que te sientes más cerca de Él. ¿Qué te da alegría, qué te entusiasma, qué te hace sentir vivo durante la pandemia, qué es lo que Dios te llama a hacer este año, y cuáles son tus propósitos? Te animamos a desarrollar hábitos santos y a mantenerte enamorado de Dios.

Esto es lo que dice Pedro Arrupe, SJ, un sacerdote español nacido en 1907 que dedicó su vida a ayudar a los demás, sobre cómo permanecer enamorado de Dios. "No hay nada más

práctico que encontrar a Dios que enamorarse de manera absoluta y definitiva, lo que te enamora, lo que se apodera de tu imaginación, lo afectará todo. Decidirás lo que te hará salir de la cama por la mañana, lo que haces con tus tardes, cómo pasas los fines de semana, lo que lees, a quién conoces, lo que te rompe el corazón y lo que te asombra de alegría y gratitud. Enamórate, quédate enamorado, y eso lo decidirá todo". Como te dice el Padre Arrupe, déjate sorprender por la práctica de la alegría y la gratitud en tu vida.

Diez hábitos santos para el 2021

1. Comienza tu día con una ofrenda matutina.
2. Disfruta de la espera.

Aprovecha el tiempo que "estás atascado" para estar presente o rezar.

3. Conoce la historia de tu fe y aplícalo a la actualidad.
4. Elige a alguien por quien rezar a lo largo del día.
5. Réune a un pequeño grupo para reflexionar cada semana.
6. Regala algo que te guste.
7. Obtenga su vitamina D con una caminata rápida o simplemente sentándose afuera disfrutando de la belleza de Dios.
8. Pide a un sacerdote que bendiga tu casa o negocio en 2021.

9. Reza un rosario diario o semanal y considera reunirte en Zoom para compartir la experiencia.

10. Despierta cada día y pide a Dios el valor de estar abierto a continuas revelaciones y epifanías, grandes y pequeñas.

La Fundación Católica ofrece muchas posibilidades para devolver todas las bendiciones que recibes. Los domingos, la Fundación Católica puede tomar la colecta dominical de su parroquia por teléfono al 915-872-8412 o puede contribuir en línea.

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La Fundación les desea un bendito, saludable y alegre 2021. ¡Que Dios los bendiga en el día de San Valentín!

Para saber más sobre cómo vivir un estilo de vida de mayordomía católica y volver a comprometerse con su parroquia, póngase en contacto con la coordinadora de mayordomía Karina Sandoval en ksandoval@elpasodiocese.org.

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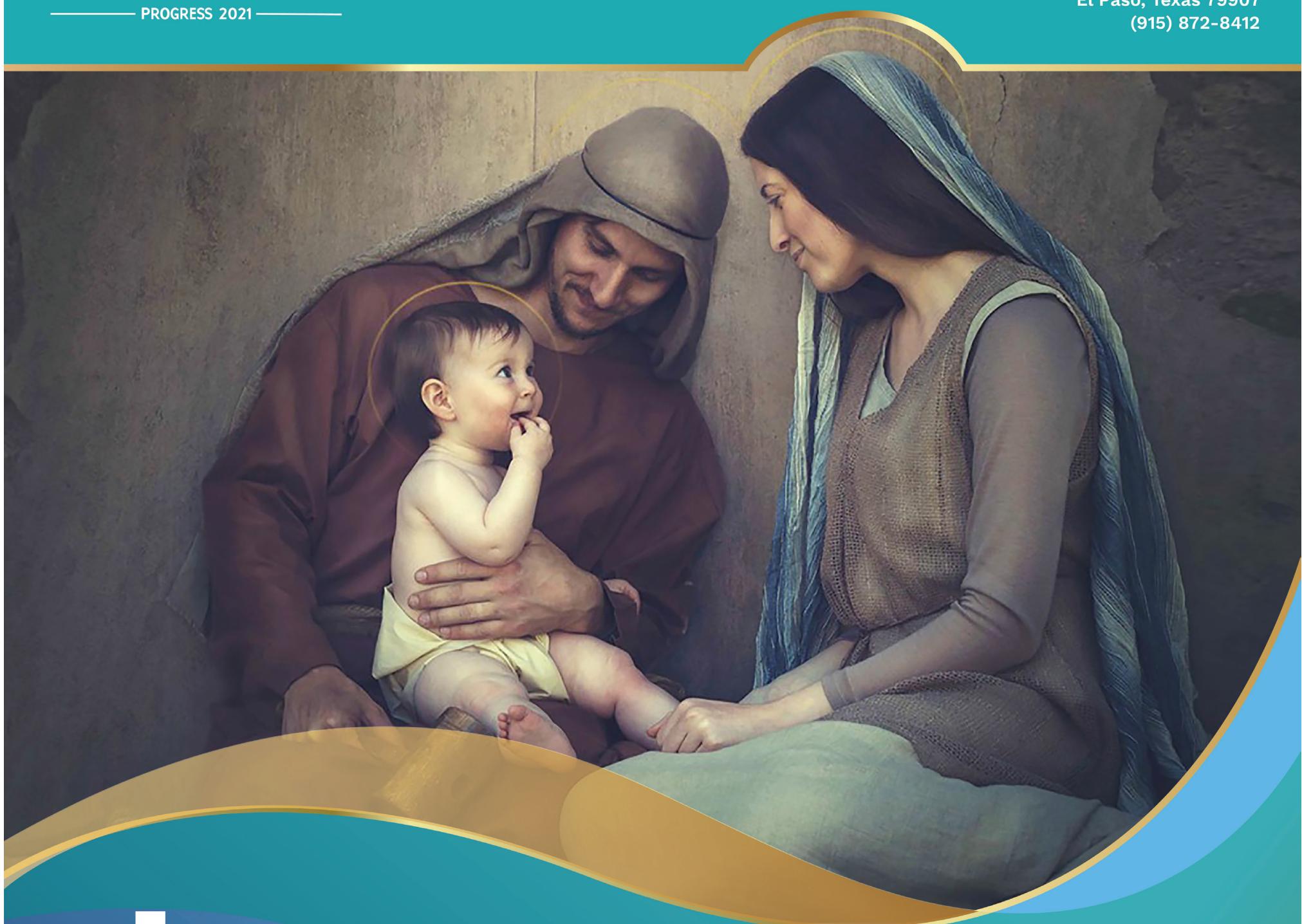


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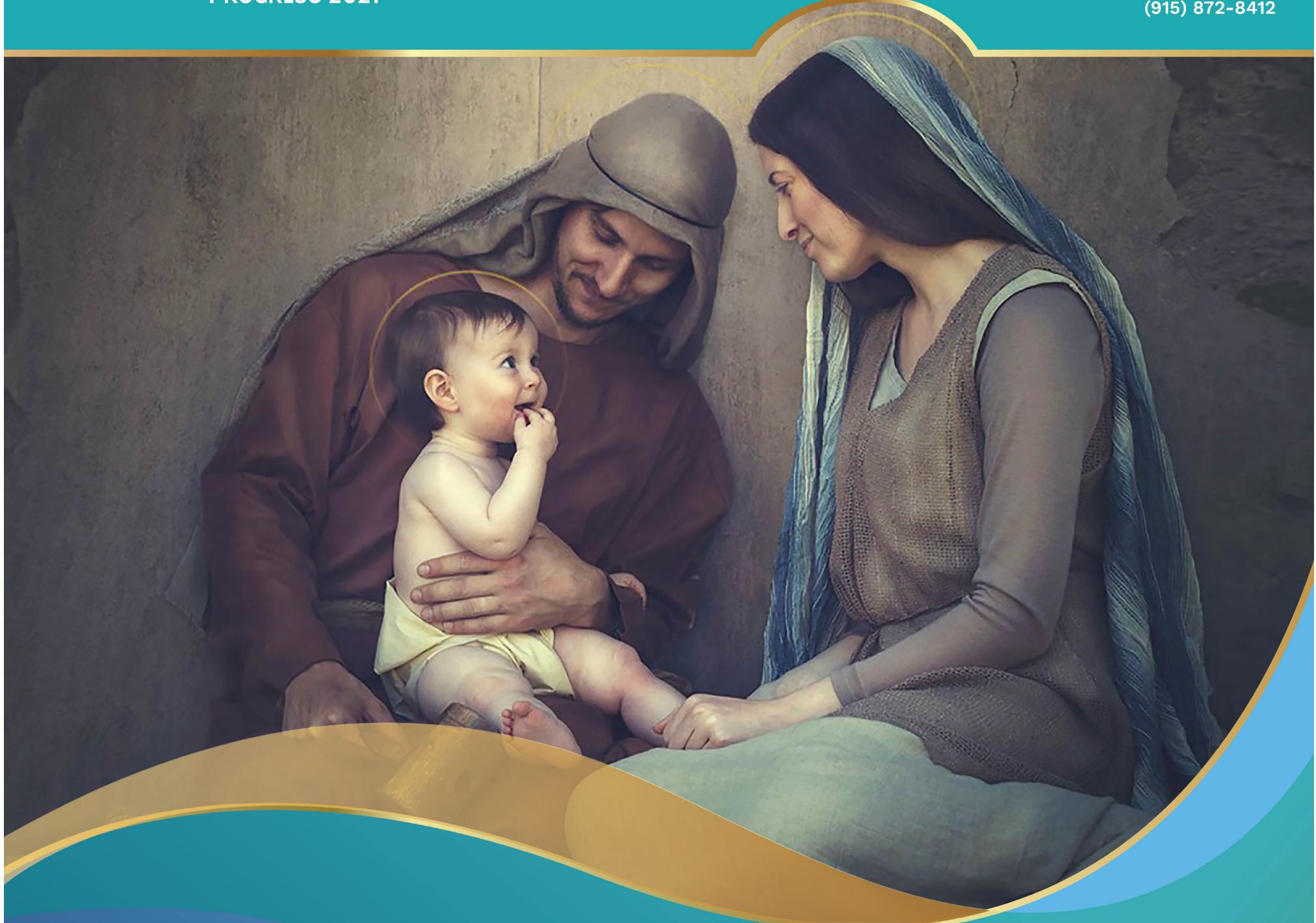
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Progreso es la invitación anual para que la gente de la Diócesis de El Paso participe y apoye a los ministerios y programas de nuestra Iglesia local.

Estos ministerios y programas apoyan a las parroquias, individuos y familias y a toda la comunidad en general, en los 10 condados de la Diócesis, e involucran actividades que las parroquias individuales no pueden realizar por sí mismas. Es a través del amor de Dios que podemos construir la esperanza de una comunidad católica fuerte.

Parroquias, Escuelas, Familias e Individuos se Benefician

Las parroquias reciben capacitación, consultas y apoyo directo de los programas y ministerios financiados por la Campaña para los Ministerios Católicos y las personas reciben servicios educativos, espirituales y sociales. Su donación a Progreso 2021: la Campaña para los Ministerios Católicos ayudará a financiar áreas de su elección:

\$1,900,000 Meta

12,000 Donantes

Con el fin de alcanzar nuestra meta de \$1.9 millones en el 2021, pedimos en oración que todos los donantes vuelvan a considerar aumentar la cantidad de su compromiso a un nivel más alto.

Asigne Su Donativo al Área de su elección



Educación y Formación

Ministerios que supervisan nuestras escuelas católicas, brindan apoyo a los programas catequéticos de la parroquia y capacitan a ministros laicos

Oficina de Educación | Ministerio de Formación Religiosa y Oeste de Texas | Instituto Tepeyac



Evangelización

Programas que brindan evangelización y defensa en nombre de los necesitados.

Oficina de Comunicaciones | Ministerio de Paz y Justicia | Tigua - Ministerio para Nativos Americanos | Oficina de Culto



Alcance Pastoral

Ministerios que ofrecen servicios humanos y divulgación a la comunidad católica.

Ministerio Católico en el Campus | Servicios de Consejería Católica | Servicios Diocesanos para Migrantes y Refugiados | Ministerio de Matrimonio y Vida Familiar | Ministerio de Jóvenes y Adultos Jóvenes



Seminaria y Formación de Diaconado

Ministerios que reclutan y capacitan a los seminaristas y diáconos permanentes para la Diócesis de El Paso

Programa de Seminaristas Mayores y Seminario San Carlos | Programa Diaconado Permanente | Ministerio de Vocaciones



Área de Mayor Necesidad

La Fundación puede maximizar su donativo y utilizarlo para lograr el mayor impacto posible si elige esta designación. Eso es porque siempre estamos evaluando las áreas de mayor necesidad en nuestra comunidad católica y trabajando para encontrar las mejores soluciones posibles.

*Sus donaciones Ayudan a Servir a Decenas de Miles de Personas en Nuestra Diócesis.
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