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**Archbishop John C. Wester to Ordain  
Two Seminarians to the Priesthood**

Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe, NM  
Saturday, June 15, 2019  
10:00 A.M. Mass

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Friday, May 31, 2019— IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Archbishop John C. Wester will ordain two seminarians to the priesthood on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at the 10:00 A.M. Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, 131 Cathedral Pl., Santa Fe, NM 87504. The men who will become Roman Catholic priests are Deacon Nathan Lopez and Deacon Timothy Meurer.

This special day is a cause of great joy for all Catholics in the archdiocese. All are welcome.

**Brief biographies of the seminarians to be ordained follow.**

*Brief biographies provided by the ASF Office of Vocations*

**Deacon Nathan Lopez** is 28 years old. He was born in Santa Fe, NM. He has one brother and three sisters. His family are devout Catholics. With his family he was able to attend a pilgrimage to Rome and Medjugorje. His family encouraged frequent Mass and Eucharistic Adoration; both of which have influenced him to seek the will of God in his life. He felt the call to the priesthood when he was 16 years old. He studied for the priesthood at Holy Apostles Seminary in Connecticut and then Mt. Angel Seminary in Oregon. He served in various parishes in the archdiocese including: Shrine of St. Bernadette in Albuquerque, San Juan Bautista in Ohkay Owingeh, Immaculate Heart of Mary in Los Alamos, and our Lady of Sorrows in Las Vegas.

**Deacon Timothy Meurer** is 28 years old. He was born in Brookfield, WI. He has three brothers and two sisters. His family raised him and his siblings Catholic. He moved to Albuquerque when he was nine years old. His first serious call to the priesthood came to him when he was eight years old. But once he entered high school he dropped the idea to date. Then while in his third year of college, a deacon friend told him about a discernment weekend. It was because of this weekend he knew he was called to be a priest. He attended Holy Trinity Seminary in Texas and Mt. Angel Seminary in Oregon. He served in various parishes in the archdiocese including: Shrine of St. Bernadette in Albuquerque, St. John Vianney in Rio Rancho, St. Thomas Aquinas in Rio Rancho, Sacred Heart in Española, and Sacred Heart in Clovis.—

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