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Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan to Welcome Royal Couple
Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Asturias (Spain)
to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe
To Celebrate 400 Years of Faith

La Conquistadora – Our Lady of Peace
Oldest Status of Our Blessed Mother
To Receive Flowers of Thanksgiving From Royalty

ALBUQUERQUE – Monday, October 5, 2009 (IMMEDIATE RELEASE) – On Tuesday, October 6, 2009 Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan will stand inside the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi's closed doors awaiting the sound of someone knocking on the Church doors. The visitors knocking will be Their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Asturias. The royal couple, Felipe Juan Pablo Alfonso de Todos los Santos de Borbón y de Grecia, Prince of Asturias, and his wife, Letizia Ortiz Rocasolano, Princess of Asturias, will be accompanied by officials from the Spanish government. The Prince and Princess were invited to New Mexico to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the founding of Santa Fe by officials of the City of Santa Fe and the Archdiocese. They will enter the Cathedral Basilica at 11:00 AM Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

I am delighted to invite Their Royal Highnesses of Spain to our beautiful Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. The Spanish colonists and friars have given us much of our culture, language, and our Catholic faith. We are proud of our Spanish traditions and are happy that we can honor Their Royal Highnesses in Santa Fe.

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan