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SOLD OUT!

Archbishop's Annual School Fund Dinner - 800 Tickets Sold
Friday, October 30, 2009, 6:00 PM, Hotel Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan Announces Record-Breaking Amount of \$290,000.00 to be Available for Hundreds of Needy Children Attending Archdiocesan Catholic Schools
Featuring Mr. Leonardo Defilippis, internationally acclaimed Shakespearean actor



ALBUQUERQUE – Wednesday, October 28 (IMMEDIATE RELEASE)--Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan will host the elegant sold-out Annual Archbishop's School Fund Dinner to be held on Friday, October 30, 2009 at 6:00 pm at Hotel Albuquerque, 800 Rio Grande Blvd. NW, Albuquerque. Eight hundred tickets have been sold. **This year's record-breaking \$290,000.00 proceeds** from the Archbishop's School Fund Dinner, the Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal and the Catholic Foundation **will be made available for tuition assistance for hundreds of needy attending our Catholic Schools.** Featured attraction will be Mr. Leonardo Defilippis, internationally acclaimed Shakespearean actor. Also, at the gala event, Archbishop Sheehan will announce the recipient of the Archdiocesan Teacher of the Year and each respective school's Teacher of the Year.

After years as a Shakespearean actor, Mr. Defilippis (pictured here) embarked on a spiritual journey that led him to found St. Luke Productions in 1980. St. Luke's Productions' mission is dedicated to evangelizing and renewing the culture through theater and the media. He has performed live for more than a million people throughout the U.S., Canada, and Europe in venues that include churches, major theaters, civic centers, penitentiaries, schools, cloistered convents, and World Youth Day in Denver and Rome. He has also produced films and videos that have won numerous awards. His work has inspired vocations and his audiences have included children, dignitaries, church hierarchy, prisoners, students, and concentration camp survivors.

Mr. Defilippis tours the country performing one-man shows based on the lives of St. Francis of Assisi, John of the Cross, Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz, the Confession of Saint Augustine and Saint John Vianney. He will be performing short versions of two or three of these.

Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan extends his deep appreciation to each Catholic school supporter who has afforded so many children the opportunity to receive a Christ-centered education in our Catholic Schools. Beneficiaries of the Archbishop's School Fund Dinner are students attending our Catholic Schools throughout the Archdiocese. They are:

Holy Ghost	Albuquerque	St. Therese	Albuquerque
Our Lady of the Annunciation	Albuquerque	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Albuquerque
Our Lady of the Assumption	Albuquerque	San Felipe de Neri	Albuquerque
Our Lady of Fatima	Albuquerque	St Mary 's of Belen	Belen
Queen of Heaven	Albuquerque	St. Thomas Aquinas	Rio Rancho
St. Charles Borromeo	Albuquerque	Holy Cross	Santa Cruz
St. Mary's	Albuquerque	Santo Niño Regional Catholic School	Santa Fe
St. Pius X High School	Albuquerque		

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