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### **Archbishop Michael J. Sheehan to Dedicate Memorial to Pope John Paul II on Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 11:30 A.M.**  
**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**  
**3700 Canyon Rd., Los Alamos, New Mexico**

**All are welcome!**

*On May 1, 2011, the man who canonized more saints than any other pope in modern history will be one step closer to sainthood himself when he becomes "Blessed John Paul II."*

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Thursday, April 28, 2011—IMMEDIATE RELEASE--Archbishop Michael Sheehan will dedicate life-size bronze statues of Pope John Paul II and two young people on Sunday, May 1, 2011 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Los Alamos. Prior to the dedication of the "Pope John Paul the Great Memorial," Archbishop will celebrate Confirmation Mass at 11:00 A.M. This memorial was created by two Polish artists, Marek and Agnieszka Maślaniec who used a bronze cast method to mold the three statues.



Also on May 1, Catholics throughout the world will celebrate the beatification of Pope John Paul II. The beatification ceremony will take place in Rome as Pope Benedict XVI presides at the rite recognizing the holiness of his predecessor. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims are expected to be in attendance at St. Peter's Basilica.

Pope John Paul II holds his crozier as he prays during Palm Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican in this undated photo. When the Vatican's sainthood experts interviewed witnesses about the Polish pontiff, the focus of their investigation was on holiness, not achievement. (CNS photo/Catholic Press Photo)

The memorial in Los Alamos will commemorate a man whose constant urging "Be not afraid" speaks to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. The parish family of Immaculate Heart of Mary will join in the celebration. Lunch, music, and festivities will take place after the dedication. Festivities will conclude with Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 3pm.

For more information on the dedication call 505.662.6193; for information on the beatification of Pope John Paul II, visit the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Official Website [www.archdiosf.org](http://www.archdiosf.org)—END

