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**Archbishop John C. Wester &
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to Dedicate Archdiocese of Santa Fe's
Newest Church
Santuario de San Martin de Porres
8321 Camino San Martin SW
Albuquerque, NM 87121
Friday, 6:00 PM, October 30, 2015**

ALBUQUERQUE, NM—October 23, 2015—IMMEDIATE
RELEASE-- Archbishop John C. Wester and Archbishop
Emeritus Michael J. Sheehan, will dedicate the Archdiocese
of Santa Fe's newest church, Santuario de San Martin de

Porres located at 8321 Camino San Martin SW Albuquerque, NM 87121 Friday,
October 30, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

To accommodate one of the fastest-growing Catholic communities in the archdiocese, the newest church is 19,668 square feet. It is built in a Semi Circle design and will seat about 800 people. After many years of design meetings and challenges, construction began in October 2014. The new church building is designed to be energy efficient and is expected to serve the community well for many years to come. Chairman of the Building Committee is Darrell Eberting; the architect is Jose Zelaga of Albuquerque NM; construction was done by Mick Rich Construction; Fabian Yanez of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, helped in the planning of the Liturgy. In April 2015, Very Rev. Oscar Coelho, pastor of San Martin, commissioned parishioner Greg J. Garcia to design and build the altar for the new church. Fr. Coelho, working closely with Greg and his wife, Christine, began by incorporating the designs from an altar in Cologne, Germany and an altar in Rome, Italy. Some design elements in the altar include a solid, sturdy look to represent the unyielding faith of the Church. *Matthew* 16:18. The furnishings were fabricated by Ratigan Schottler Manufacturing

It is with great anticipation that the parish community of Santuario de San Martin de Porres under the leadership of Very Rev. Oscar W. Coelho, JCL, and Rev. Jerry Plotkowski, await its formal dedication. For more information call the Parish Office 505.836.4676.