

Ministry work within the Pueblos:

- a. Clergy, Religious and Laity are reminded Pueblo parishes are not like any other parish community. Your role is primarily pastoral and sacramental. You should never consider yourself a member of the tribe.
- b. Clergy, Religious and Laity who are non-native or non-tribal members will experience times when the Pueblo will be closed. Therefore, all scheduled church activities including Mass may be cancelled and sometimes without notice. This will not be announced to the general public.
- c. Clergy, Religious and Laity who are non-native or non-tribal members need to respect the culture and traditions of the Pueblos at all times. Clergy, Religious and Laity who are non-native or non-tribal members who assist and/or participate in the Catholic Faith must respect the faith traditions of the community. Though there have been times of tension between traditional practice and Catholic Faith, the sacramental life of baptized individuals must be honored. (Canon 528) Please be aware and accept that Native spirituality and Catholic faith walk hand in hand. Prayer, fasting and sacrifice are part of the daily lives of the Pueblo community. Therefore, children and families who participate in tribal activities must be supported and not admonished.
- d. Clergy, Religious and Laity must be willing and committed to offering formation classes and skill classes training for Leadership Development.
- e. There are many forms of invitation, not limited, but including newsletters, flyers and pulpit announcements. However, personal invitation is the more effective type of invitation since it is key to relationship building. These personal invitations lead to encountering Christ and building of trust.
- f. Clergy, Religious and Laity-invitations to homes should be honored as much as possible. Please be a gracious guest.
- g. Clergy, Religious and Laity coming to serve for the first time in Pueblo communities should seek a mentor or ask for guidance in the parish community.
- h. Clergy, Religious and Laity should honor the gift of Native spirituality at every opportunity. You're here to strengthen the Catholic faith in the community and not expected to change the Native Spirituality of the Pueblo Community.
- i. Clergy, Religious and Laity should refrain from negative language that separates you from the community, (i.e., "You people" or "Those people") or injecting their own negative or prejudicial comments.
- j. Clergy, Religious and Laity should know that some church properties in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe belong to the Pueblos/Tribal Government. No changes to any building structure or environment can be made without prior consent and following proper protocol.

Archdiocese of Santa Fe Native American Ministry Pastoral Ministries Division



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The Archdiocese of Santa Fe respects and cherishes the relationship with the People of God residing in and coming from Native American Pueblo communities. As such, these guidelines have been created to safeguard the relationship between Pueblos and the Archdiocese and are to be followed by all ministers and representatives of the Roman Catholic Church and the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

Things to consider when visiting a Pueblo village in New Mexico:

- a. Each Indian Pueblo Reservation is a sovereign nation and community with its own government bylaws and laws which visitors are required to adhere to while they are visiting the Pueblo.
- b. There are 19 pueblos in New Mexico each with its own distinct cultural traditions and languages. They are: Acoma, Cochiti, Isleta, Jemez, Laguna, Nambe, Picuris, Pojoaque, Sandia, San Felipe, San Ildefonso, Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan), Santa Ana, Santa Clara, Kewa (Santo Domingo), Taos, Tesuque, Zia, and Zuni. All except: Acoma, Laguna and Zuni reside within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. People are asked to respect this culture and not inquire meanings of the dress or “what” or “why” of the ceremony.
- c. All visitors are subject to state, federal and tribal laws.
- d. Most Pueblos are open for public access during the year.
- e. The Pueblos may close public access at any time, during certain times or dates of scheduled tribal ceremonies which allow only tribal members to attend. Please note and obey all closure signs, and honor road blocks.
- f. Most Pueblos have feast days for their patron saint in their parishes and/ or missions. These dates and times are open to the public.
- g. It is best to call or contact the Pueblo Administration office to see if your planned date to visit will be open for public access (ie, confirm the day of).

Etiquette when visiting Pueblos:

- a. Use of cell phones is prohibited during feast events and guided tours. Sketching, recording, picture taking and any other means of audio or visual reproduction is prohibited within the Pueblos. If anyone gets caught, their equipment will be confiscated and will not be returned.
- b. Please refrain from entering ceremonial buildings (Kivas) or other structures and areas without permission. This is considered trespassing.
- c. Because of the nature of a feast event, many tribal members open their homes for hospitality to enjoy a meal and the events of the day. Good manners are expected of you and your family. Adults should serve their children. Be considerate of your meal time, as others are waiting to be served.
- d. During feast events which are considered religious in nature, appropriate dress is recommended. Some pueblos do not allow use of umbrellas or sunglasses (unless prescribed).
- e. No alcohol or drugs are permitted.
- f. Visitors are not allowed to participate in pueblo dances, as this is part of traditional and ceremonial practices.
- g. Dancers should never be approached, greeted or touched while in ceremony. Do not address the dancers’ regalia as “costumes.”

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