

  
**DIOCESE OF PUEBLO**  
C O L O R A D O

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

St. Bernard  
August 21, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you to share some much-anticipated news!

As you know, in early 2023 the difficult decision was made to temporarily close Most Holy Name of Mary Church and rectory, Del Norte. The closure was due to the structural safety concerns of the Church and rectory. This included concerns regarding the Church roof and floor, as well as the adobe walls supporting the rectory.

I offer my sincere appreciation to the Holy Name of Mary, Del Norte parishioners, led by Dale Weaver, The Del Norte Christian Association, The San Juan Catholic Community, assisted by Christa Davis, and my Diocesan staff. Whose stewardship and talents were used in reviewing the repairs needed, addressing the associated costs and completing the repairs, to return the Church to a safe and welcoming environment.

The Church is now ready to open again for the celebration of liturgies! May God continue to bless the holy people of Del Norte!

Rev. Albert Berkman the Administrator of the San Juan Catholic Community will continue to support the parish community of Holy Name of Mary, Del Norte. I hope you will join Rev. Berkman for the Holy Name of Mary reopening mass on September 1, 2024 at 8:00am. I ask for your continued prayers as we move forward with this much anticipated reopening, and rest assured you remain in mine!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Stephen J. Berg  
Bishop of the Diocese of Pueblo

cc: Very Rev. Derrek Scott, Vicar General  
Very Rev. Stephen Olamolu, Vicar of Clergy  
Very Rev. Carlo Alvarez, V.F.