Nuestra Señora de Los Remedios

In 1598 Juan de Oñate and his settlers carried a banner/standard with this image into Northern Nuevo España. It is known that Cortes’, General Juan Gonzalo Rodriguez de Villafuerte, brought the wooden statue image of the Virgin from Vasconia, Spain, as protector for the trip of conquest. It was in Veracruz where Cortes presided at the first mass that was done in Mexico, on April 21, 1519; The wooden image of our Lady is less than one foot high, which holds in her arms Infant Jesus.

Legend tells that this tiny image of the Holy Mother was placed by Cortes on the great throne of the Hummingbird God’s temple after the Aztec idols had been broken and the shrines purified for Christian worshipers. Her stay on that vast stone pyramid was short, however, as the Aztecs defeated the Spanish in 1520, with much loss in the battle, of life on both sides, in what is remembered as “La Noche Triste.” Cortes had tearfully prayed before this defeat to Our Lady, Nuestra Señora de Los Remedios. They had to make their hurried retreat out of the City. But it was General Gonzalo Rodriguez de Villafuerte who took the image and placed it in his cloak during the Spanish retreat from Montezuma’s capital.

Villafuerte, unfortunately, was wounded during the fighting on that dreadful night, and what became of him is not known. The little images are also called “castrenses.” He hid the tiny image in the heart of a maguey plant, and there it stayed hidden for twenty years. The story of the finding is intriguing.

The story told is that a Christian Indian chieftain happened to be hunting on the hill northwest of the City of Mexico. He was startled by the appearance of the Blessed Mother in a shining vision, bidding him to search for the image of her, which had been hidden in the heart of a maguey plant. After three tries to find it, at the bidding of Our Lady, he found it and took it home.

When he looked for it in the morning it had disappeared! Sadly he returned to look at the maguey plant. There it was! This time he took it back to his house, he placed a small gourd filled with dainty things to eat before the saintly Lady, hoping to please her.

The next morning the image was gone again! But there it was under the maguey plant once more! When the chief reached home, he put the statue in a strong box, which he locked. So when dawn came he opened the box confidently, but when he opened the box the image had disappeared. It was back under the maguey plant, again.

He decided to go to the padre for advise, and went to the friars of San Gabriel at Tacuba, who believed it to be a miracle. That is why a lovely shrine to Our Lady of the Remedies, sometimes called Our Lady of Succour, because of the Spaniards believed she saved them from death, is found today just three or four miles outside the City of Mexico, on La Calle de Tacuba, the old road that was used by the retreating Spaniards on La Noche Triste.

Her church, however, was built some distance away, in the village of Cholula. It stands on a pyramid whose worship is associated-like its pre-Columbian predecessors—with the propitiation of the rain.
President Melvyn Montano’s Message

I hope you’ve had a nice break since our Annual Thanksgiving Banquet! Our Annual Thanksgiving Banquet was excellent and enjoyed by all attendees.

Thanks to Dolores Valdez de Pong for an outstanding job of guiding us through the evenings festivities and keeping us on schedule. All the Awardees expressed appreciation of their honor to receive recognition for their contributions. Well deserved!

It is imperative that we recognize those that continually strive to keep and honor the "traditions" of our culture that were established in New Mexico by the Spanish. The subjective absence of the credit to Spain for its contributions is more than an oversight.

Our well wishes go to the young people from Torrence Country and St. Alice Church, who attended our Banquet and sold items to help finance their upcoming trip to Madrid, Spain. Attendees were supportive of their efforts so they may attend the World Youth Conference with Pope Benedict. Our prayers are with them for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Finally it's time for our Annual meeting. This is where we plan and discuss issues for the coming year, elect officers for the NMHCPL, and most importantly socialize. Please plan to attend this fun event. Bring a friend, young people, and any interested individuals to hear about not only our plans but stories about our history and culture.

One idea that might be of interest could be to implement an award program for our young Hispanic school age people, in addition to what we have now, for the Grades K through 12 and College. We know that ideas take work and organization, It is our hope that there are supporters out there that might find some time to help us along. We know there are young people you know who might be helped up by some recognition. Blessings of this Summer Season!

Sincerely, 
	Melvyn Montano, President

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Prayer Requests
Our Troops, our youth and answers to our personal petitions. NMHCPL Members and all most in need of healing: Dolores Marquez.

Many Members have already sent in Renewal Dues due annually in JUNE. Thank you for your many supports!

ANNUAL Membership MEETING coming in July
The Church is on top of a seven-tiered pyramid that the Toltecs had built for Plumed Serpent so long ago.

Sometimes this saint is called The Spanish Lady, or lovingly “La Gachupina. When the priest Hidalgo was leading the Mexican fight for independence from Spain, nearly three hundred years after Cortes, had conquered the country, he took as his patron saint the Dark Madonna, Our Lady of Guadalupe. So the Spanish, for their part, took Our Lady of Remedies, for their symbol and hope.

The little shrine of La Gachupina in Tacuba is still popular, for much of Span, besides its language, lives on in Mexico. La Nuestra Señora de Los Remedios when carried through the streets, in procession, at the capital city especially if in need of rain, who tells the story say that always, then, the rain will fall.

When the Holy See endorsed Spain’s claim to the whole western hemisphere with the exception of Brazil. In this story, with the arrival of Christopher Columbus, there is no real break in the dedicated patronage of Mary. The Spaniards who discovered and explored, converted and civilized America, were men into whose culture were woven for centuries into their hearts, intense Marian devotion. Through her they would petition for the wisdom they needed.; in her they would hold up the model of Christian living.

Today, the lesser known image in the Americas, of Our Lady of Remedies, is the ancient image brought on banner by the Oñate Colony in 1598. It was in 1625 Fray Alonso Benavides, brought a small wooden Marian statue image of La Virgin de Los Remedios, representation of Our Lady of Assumption, to Santa Fe. She is dedicated under the title “La Conquistadora” Our Lady of Peace and is the oldest Madonna in the USA.

When in August 1680 at the time the Villa de Santa Fe was besieged by Pueblo Indian, Josefa López de Grijalva, a granddaughter of Francisco de Anaya Almazán and Juana López de Villafuerte, (Founding families of Santa Fe), rescued the famous statue of Nuestra Señora La Conquistadora from the church of Santa Fe when the desperate residents fled in the face of deadly attacks.

-Www.basilicaremedio.parroquia.org
-Wikipedia.org ,and Santa Fe 400th.org

St Francis Cathedral Basilica Santa Fe, NM

“La Conquitadora” Our Country’s Oldest Madonna

La Cofradía de La Conquistadora will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, Trinity Sunday, June 19, 2011 at 1:30PM at Crispin Hall, at the Basilica.
(Santa Fe)

Sunday July 3, - Knighting and Coronation 3:00 pm. Following is the first procession to Rosario Chapel from Basilica to Rosario Chapel 4:00 PM
July 4, 2011 First Novena Mass at Rosario Chapel Begins at 6:00AM

July 4 - July 10 - Novena Masses at Rosario Chapel - 6AM & 5:15PM daily

July 10 - Return Procession from Rosario Chapel –4:00PM, with Mass following at Cathedral Basilica. In order to complete the required nine days of Novena Masses, we must attend two Masses on Sunday.

July 11 –Monday, 6:00am and 5:15pm Final Novena Mass: Cathedral Basilica.
Statehood History Teachers' Workshops presented by the Historical Society of NM

The second of these workshops will be held in the Town Hall in Mesilla on Friday, June 10, from 9am - 3:30pm. On the agenda:

- The Road to Statehood: Dr. Richard Melzer of UNM - Valencia Campus

- Commemorating Statehood in the Classroom: Professor Jon Hunner of NMSU.

- Walking tour of Old Mesilla and tours of the Taylor State Monument with members of the Friends of the Taylor Monument and J. Paul Taylor.

- Teaching Statehood History: Janet Saiers, President of the Albuquerque Historical Society, and Professor Rebecca Sanchez of UNM present teachers' guides and curricula for teaching statehood history.

Study materials, including timelines/chronologies, sourcebooks of statehood-related historic documents and papers, and the book, *Sunshine & Shadows in New Mexico's Past, the Territorial Period*, will be made available to teachers and discussed. There will also be a discussion of historic maps and how they can be used in the classroom.

Teachers planning to attend should pre-register through an e-mail request to hsmninfo@hsnm.org. For more information contact: Michael Stevenson, President, Historical Society of New Mexico, at mgsalp@mac.com.

New Mexico Centennial License Plate Wins National Award

New Mexico was voted the best license plate in the United States this year by the Automobile License Plate Collectors Association (ALPCA, Inc.). The ALPCA has been giving the award for 40 years and this marks the first year that New Mexico has won. The plate was designed by Department of Cultural Affairs creative director David Rohr.

State officials were presented with the Best License Plate in the United States Award at a ceremony on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 2:00p.m. in the lobby of the New Mexico History Museum in downtown Santa Fe.

Some have expressed an appreciation, that the traditional red and yellow gold plate is one of the few remaining Statwide items that reference something of our Spanish Culture.

On Line Atlas of Historic New Mexico Maps:

The NM Humanities Council launch the Centennial Online Atlas of Historic New Mexico Maps. The Atlas offers 20 maps, embedded in a Google maps interface. The collections spans NM History from the explorations of Fray Marcos to the rise of the automobile tourist and is sorted into four thematic eras. Features such as:

- overview pages placing the maps in historical context
- timelines of events depicted in the maps, and audio of NM humanities scholars discussing trends of each era.
- a dynamic map interface that allows for close examination of the maps, as well as panning, zooming, and resizing annotated points, which can be clicked to reveal the stories of the people in N.M. at the time of the map’s creation using the ”print” button to get a printable handout of the map clicking bibliographic links at the end of quotations comparing historic maps to modern maps by clicking the “Today” button.

Registered users can access further features, some created at teachers requests for more interactive computer-based tools, to engage a wired generation with history, where students can research their own community history and culture. Visit the ATLAS, [http://atlas.nmhum.org](http://atlas.nmhum.org). Send an email to tell them what you think.

World Youth Day Madrid Official LOGO
There are two movies that are on the horizon that are favorable to both Catholic Mexico and Catholic Spain

Info By: Jose Carmen Cascarelli y Adamo, NMHCPL Member

- **There Be Dragons** – good movie about Padre JoseMaria Escriva and Los Requetes – good Catholics – Spanish Civil War:
  - [http://www.dragonsresources.com/](http://www.dragonsresources.com/)

- **Cristiada** – good movie about Los Cristeros – persecution of Catholics in Mexico in 1920s:
  - [http://www.cristiadafilm.com/blog/](http://www.cristiadafilm.com/blog/)

**Santa Fe’s San Miguel Chapel** known as the oldest church in the Country is undergoing preservation work and needs volunteers. Come help Cornerstone Community Partnership during this historic preservation project-learning traditional adobe building skills. Work with professional engineers, architects, archeologists, and preservationists. Meet volunteers from all over the world. Learn traditional building skills and learn about Santa Fe History and Culture. Call (505) 982-9521 or email: info@cstones.org; [www.cstones.org](http://www.cstones.org)

Art Exhibit: **This Place From Where I Am From:** Three New Mexico Emerging Artists

**National Hispanic Cultural Center** $3


From super-hero saints to vibrating landscapes on skateboards, **This Place Where I’m From:** 3 Emerging NM Artists, at the National Hispanic Cultural Center Art Museum's Community Gallery, features the work of three artists, Robb Rael, Jocelyn Lorena Salaz and Vicente Telles. Although each artist moves tradition into transition in unique ways, each work maintains a feeling of home, a trace of the New Mexican aesthetic, and a piece of the place where they are from.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO** Join Us

New Mexican Hispanic Culture Preservation League, attend our monthly meetings, for info and directions call: 239-4335 Next meeting: Thurs. June 8, 2011 6:30pm-8:00 pm. **JOIN US IN 2011!!**

MEXICAN STYLE BEER, produced in Denver. The king of the Mexican craft beer in Colorado is undoubtedly Del Norte Brewing in Denver, which focuses exclusively on the style. Founded in 2008, Del Norte makes four kinds of Mexican beers: now being served at Little Anita’s Restaurants locally. The names of beers are clever **Manana, Orale, Cinco and Luminaria.**

**New Mexico Hispano Entertainers Association Awards and Celebration** Saturday, June 4, 2011, 7 pm at the National Hispanic Cultural Center Albuquerque Journal Theatre

$15, $20, $25 no other discounts

The New Mexico Hispano Entertainers Association's annual awards show, "Premios Encantos," recognizes the accomplishments of local Hispanic entertainers in the areas of music, theatre, dance, comedy, and poetry.

**N.H.C.C. Festival Flamenco:** 24th Annual Festival Flamenco Internacional de Alburquerque 7:00pm June 10—12, 2011. Albuquerque Journal Theatre

$40, $50, $60, $75, $90, no other discounts. Features Jose Maya, Fuensanta "La Moneta," Maria Jose Franco, Carmen "La Talegona," David Coria, Raimundo Benitez, and Yjastros: The American Flamenco Repertory Company.

June 13, Feast Day San Antonio de Padua, a most venerated Saint among New Mexicans. June 22, Feast of Saint Thomas More, Chancellor to King Henry VIII, defended Catherine de Aragon’s marriage right, and refused to support Henry VIII, as head of the English Church against the Roman Catholic Church, and was Martyred in 1534. Than on June 24, is the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.
FEAST DAY in June

JUNE - Saint. Days/ (Feasts)
3 Blessed John XXIII
4 Sacred Heart (Española)
5 The Ascension of the Lord
6 Immaculate Heart of Mary (Los Alamos)
10 Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
10 Sacred Heart C.C. (Clovis)
13 San Antonio de Padua – Dixon, Ft. Sumner, Pecos, Penasco, Questa
22 San Tomas More (Patron of Widowers)
24 St. John the Baptist (Santa Fe) (San Juan Pueblo)
26 San Juan y San Pablo de Roma
26 Corpus Christi Sunday
26 Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Byzantine Rite) Albuq.
29 San Pedro
San Pablo

JUNE - Events
3 Death of Don Juan de Oñate
4-5 Las Golondrinas Spring Festival
8 NMHCPL Monthly Meeting 6:30pm
18-22 Rodeo de Santa Fe
19 Dia de los Padres (Fathers Day)
23 1540 Coronado enters Nuevo Mexico
24 1694 Velasco/Farfán (de Vargas) colonist enter Santa Fe
26 Corpus Christi: Basílica Santa Fe 2:30pm

JULY
3 Knighting/Coronation Basílica 3:30 procession to Rosario Chapel.
4 1776 Spanish ensure American Independence
5 1843 Second expedition of Tejanos surrenders
7 1540 Coronado reaches Cibola
11 1598 NM Founded at San Juan de los Caballeros

List of Perpetual Adoration: CHURCHES

Albuquerque
- Church of the Ascension
- Our Lady of the Annunciation
Española
- Sacred Heart
Los Alamos
- Immaculate Heart of Mary
Ohkay Owíñgeh Pueblo
- St. John the Baptist
Rio Rancho
- St. Thomas Aquinas
Santa Fe
- Our Lady of Guadalupe

Hispanic Genealogical Research Center of NM. ( HGRC of NM) General Membership Meetings held 1st Saturday of the Month
June 4, 2011 at 10:00AM Lourdes Hall, Room 132 Archdiocese of Santa Fe, Albuquerque, PiusX H.S. Campus

Speaker: Henrietta M. Christmas Topic: “Early Mail in New Mexico” Mail in early Colonial times was for a select few. Letters, packages, and their transport will be discussed from the earliest times to the contemporary U.S. Postal system. The Camino Real and the military were instrumental in transporting the mail in the colonial period. Whether carried horseback or by freight wagon, railroad or motor vehicle, essential mail service has been provided to New Mexicans for centuries. Ms. Christmas is a genealogical and historical researcher and writer. She has authored numerous articles and books. Ms. Christmas is the former treasurer of the HGRC and is presently Secretary of the Historical Society of New Mexico.

NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum: Las Cruces On June 9, at 7—8pm Lecture: The Story of NM Pecan Industry, By: R. Heerema. AN EXHIBIT: Red or Green: The Origins and Cultural Significance of the Chili Pepper in New Mexico: Brought by the Spanish in 1598, with emergence of centers developed in Chimayo and Las Cruces

STEVE BALLESTEROS (1957-2011), Spaniard World Class Golfer succumbs to brain cancer at 54. On Saturday, May 7, 2011, 50 time winner on the European Tour, more than anyone else, and winning the British Open in 1884, Ballesteros deteriorated in his recovery from surgeries that began in 2008, to remove a malignant brain tumor. Tributes have poured in from around the globe, to honor and remember this uniquely creative and inventive golfer, who is attributed for transforming European golf and the Ryder Cup like no other. A golf icon that will always be remembered.
The Genealogical Society of Hispanic America (GSHA) presents their Annual Meeting and Conference in Las Vegas, New Mexico, August 5-7, 2011 at the Historic Plaza Hotel. The theme, "Discovering Our Shared Ancestors", will incorporate topics ranging from DNA and the impact of technology on genealogy research, to the history of Fort Union, the Rough Riders and our early ancestors activities in the southwest. Additional details and a registration form are available at www.gsha.net or contact Charlene Garcia Simms, PO Box 3357, Pueblo, CO 81005

Visit the online Atlas of Historic New Mexico Maps Travel through time and learn the stories told through historic maps. New Mexico Humanities Council at www.nmhum.org.

NOTICIAS de Cofradia de La Conquistadora:
In 2010 during Santa Fe’s 400th Commemoration, The Confradia commissioned metallurgist, Mark Humenick to make a chalice for use at the Rosario Chapel.

The Chalice features a small cross and the image of La Conquistadora on the opposite side of the chalice. It is inscribed with her different titles and the years 1625, 1680, 1692, 2010, which were significant times in her history. Stones of turquoise and amethyst are on the base of the chalice which are gems found in New Mexico.

The Confradia sponsored a raffle to raise funds for the chalice, local artist Bernard Nuanez donated work. Also a framed poster of the Caballeros de Vargas anniversary rendition, of Don Diego de Vargas praying to Our Lady on the spot where Rosario Chapel is built, and finally a photo tile of La Conquistadora was also offered, to raise funds.

Participants in World Youth Day (www.worldyouthday.org) Those that have requested meals in their registration – an estimated 400,000 pilgrims – will receive a book of meal tickets that can be redeemed at hundreds of restaurant partners within the Greater Madrid Area.

Nearly 6 million meals in one week.
Thus, independently owned businesses and restaurant chains located throughout the Madrid area will be involved in providing meals to hundreds of thousands of people attending WYD. Madrid’s restaurant network will distribute a total of around 6 million meals during the third week of August.

The meal service to pilgrims will adapt at all times to the activities that will be prepared for them. During the mornings of August 16 to 19, the youth will attend catechesis talks that will be given by bishops from around the world and held in various suburbs of Madrid. Areas located near the sites for the catechesis will offer various restaurants with the “Pilgrim’s Menu”, so that young people can have something to eat without having to travel long distances or wait in line.

Young people will be able to choose from a wide variety of food styles and menus from among the associated restaurants. The needs of special groups, such as those with celiac disease or diabetes, will also be taken into consideration by the restaurants chosen. Moreover, in the afternoon of the same day, downtown Madrid will host many cultural events and multitudinous acts such as the Opening Mass and the Stations of the Cross. In anticipation of a massive influx of pilgrims, FEHRCAREM will install a series of distribution points in the street, using tents and trucks to avoid overcrowding of local facilities.

The meal supply system chosen for this WYD is an innovative approach compared to past WYD’s, which were based on meals served in a “picnic” style. It combines the best possible service delivery to the pilgrim with a promotion of the capacity, quality, and professional style of Madrid’s restaurants. Even so, both sides are working constantly both to increase the network of franchises that can offer the 'Pilgrim's Menu "and to ensure adequate information for attendees.
Have you renewed your Membership? Will you consider giving a Student Membership gift?
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NOTE: Annual Renewal Dues due in JUNE

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to the development of New
Mexico and the nation, to
protect the history of the
New Mexican Hispanic
heritage and culture. To
achieve this mission, we will
seek the TRUTH of our
heritage and history, and
re-store the TRUTH and
PRIDE of our New Mexican
Hispanic Culture.