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**WESTERN NEW MEXICO CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ANNOUNCES
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Grants, NM – The Western New Mexico Correctional Facility (WNMCF) is pleased to announce the selection of Deacon Tim Lujan as the prison's Volunteer of the Year. Deacon Lujan was chosen because he continuously assists the facility in any way possible as it pertains to volunteers and religious services for the inmates. He also graciously volunteered his time to speak at a community luncheon for the facility on how the Catholic Church views specific crimes.

Deacon Lujan was born and raised in Grants. He worked in the mining industry until 1985 when he went to work for the power plant until 2001. At that time he left and went to work for the Diocese of Gallup as the chancellor and assistant to Bishop Pelotte. He just recently resigned his position at the Diocese and has returned to the Tri-State power plant in Prewitt, New Mexico. He will be graduating Summa Cum Laude from Regis University in Denver, Colo. with a Bachelor's Degree in Religious studies on May 3, 2009. Deacon Lujan is very proud of his family, in which he and his wife Denise have raised three children.

WNMCF is an American Correctional Association accredited facility, which houses approximately 400 inmates and employees 250 staff. The facility is a minimum and medium level security prison, incarcerating inmates classified as Level II, III, and IV. The facility has approximately 200 active volunteers who provide a wide variety of religious services to those incarcerated.

The New Mexico Corrections Department will host its annual Volunteer Appreciation Conference on Saturday, April 25, 2009 to honor all prison Volunteers of the Year for 2008. The conference will be held at Grace Church located in Albuquerque. The Corrections Department has approximately 1000 volunteers and 6500 inmates incarcerated in 11 facilities statewide. If you are interested in becoming a prison volunteer, please contact Chaplain Calvin Robinson, Chaplain for more information at 505-827-8400.

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