



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PHOENIX

February 2022

Dear Pastor,

It has come to the attention of the Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix that the baptisms by Rev. Andres Arango performed until June 17, 2021, are presumed invalid. We have prepared this letter to assist those people who were thought to be baptized by Rev. Arango but no longer live in our diocese. We would be very grateful if you would help your parishioner be baptized.

If this person has received the Sacrament of Confirmation, that sacrament is also invalid and will need to be repeated as well. If this person is married, we would ask that you or the one thought to be baptized by Rev. Arango contact the Diocese of Phoenix Tribunal at 602-354-2275 for direction.

Please verify that your parishioner was invalidly baptized by Rev. Arango by asking for a copy of his or her baptismal certificate. If they do not have a copy of their baptismal certificate, please call the church of baptism to verify that this person was among those invalidly baptized by Rev. Arango. The church will not be able to issue a new certificate for that baptism but can confirm the information via phone. If the person does not remember where he or she was baptized, the three parishes in our diocese where Rev. Arango had an assignment are:

St. Anne Parish, Gilbert, AZ	480-507-4400
St. Jerome Parish, Phoenix, AZ	602-942-5555
St. Gregory Parish, Phoenix, AZ	602-264-4488

Once you have baptized this person, we would appreciate it if you could inform us of the new baptism by completing the form found by using the QR code or link below. The Diocese will contact the original parish of baptism to let them know the person is now validly baptized.

We invite you to visit our website, dphx.org/valid-baptisms for more information.

We are grateful for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Maria R. Chavira, Ph.D.
Chancellor



Please complete a form located
by using this QR code or click
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