

Mariachi Mass honors priest

Fr. Miguel Baca, a native of Santa Fe and son of the late Manuel Baca and Maria Chavez de Baca, is celebrating his Silver Jubilee as a priest in the Franciscan Order. The occasion will be marked by a Mariachi concelebrated mass at St. Francis Cathedral Saturday at 12 noon.

The public is invited.

Fr. Miguel left Santa Fe in 1940 to attend the Franciscan seminaries in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. His priestly career has had him in parish work in Illinois, Kansas and back in New Mexico where he was stationed at St. Francis Cathedral and chaplain of the Santa Fe Police under Chief Felix Lujan.

Santa Feans will remember his part in the recovery of La Conquistadora statue and other priceless art objects stolen from the Cathedral and the San Miguel chapel.

For 12 years he carried a column, "Life Is For Living," in the national Catholic magazine, the St. Anthony Messenger.



Fr. Miguel Baca

Eighteen years of his life were spent as a missionary throughout the United States and then with the tribe of Otomi Indians in central Mexico.

Fr. Baca is currently stationed in Louisville, Ky., where he is chaplain of the correctional department of Jefferson County of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He also works with the Latin Americans of the area and Alcoholics Anonymous.

A reception will follow the mass at the St. Francis School cafeteria.