La Cofradia de La Conquistadora would like to announce the annual Novena of Masses honoring the Virgin Mary under her title of Our Lady of Peace/La Conquistadora. The yearly novena will be available online with no public attendance, Sunday, June 21 through Monday June 29.

Because of the safety concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no processions carrying the statue of Our Lady. Daily Novena Masses will be live-streamed on the Cathedral Basilica’s Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/CathedralBasilicaOfStFrancisOfAssisi/ and later uploaded to the YouTube channel, https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDMKICF2PH3edSYRJZRIUOA/.

The heart of the novena is to honor the Mother of God as we ask for her prayers during this difficult time. This year’s novena prayer will be for all that have been effected by the COVID-19 pandemic and for healing of the unrest in our world. “We need Our Lady now more than ever,” said Terry Garcia, Sacristana. “This is to be a time of healing.”

The first Mass will take place at 9 a.m. Sunday, June 21, with subsequent Masses each day at 6 a.m. from June 22-June 29. A rosary will be recited before each daily Mass, beginning at 5:30 a.m. At the conclusion of each Mass, the Magnificat will be sung, and the novena prayer will be recited. If you cannot view the Mass or the Rosary live, it will remain posted on the website to view at any time.

Every day from June 22-27, 10am to 2pm, individuals are invited to bring flowers to Our Lady at the Rosario Chapel. Annual membership dues and donations may be brought at this time as well. Because of the pandemic the chapel will not be open for visitation or prayer. Prayers to Our Lady may be offered at the grotto on the south side of the chapel. Please respect social distancing norms when you are present outside the chapel.

Daily, we will gather to pray the Rosary as the statue of the Virgin Mary is being prepared for the next day’s Mass. It will be posted on the Cathedral’s Facebook page and YouTube channel.

For updated information please refer to the Cathedral Basilica of St Francis’ website at www.cbsfa.org. Please remember that a Facebook or YouTube account is not necessary to view the events, these pages are public. We will continue to update the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis’ website with information. All community members are invited to participate in the 2020 novena through the links provided.

La Cofradia De La Conquistadora would like to thank you for your continued cooperation and support; while these adjustments have been made with a heavy heart, the safety and well-being of our community is our priority.

Anyone interested in helping continue these traditions can join La Cofradia de La Conquistadora, the organization dedicated to her care. To join or renew a membership, send $5 in an annual membership fee c/o Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis, P.O. Box 2127, Santa Fe, N.M. 87504-2127.