

## Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

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Spirituality resides in the heart and soul of people and manifests itself through their actions. A recently released documentary, **Spirituality and its People, El Valle de San Luis** focuses on the spirituality of the Hispanic people of Conejos and Costilla Counties as they express it in Good Friday traditions in the communities of San Antonio and Capulin in Conejos County and San Luis and San Francisco in Costilla County. (Filming in these communities took place in 2001 through 2005.) Through traditions both ancient and modern the people remember the death of Jesus and its meaning for them today.

This documentary will be of value to those whose ancestors lived in the San Luis Valley, to those interested in the unique history and customs of the Valley and to anyone who wants to experience the beauty and mystery of the Valley's spirit.

Rick Vigil, who directed and produced the documentary, grew up in Antonito and now resides in Golden. He dedicated the film to the memory of his mother, Severina Salazar, who died in 2003. Of his efforts he says, "I have always been proud of who I am and where I come from. It is for this reason that I took on the challenge of producing this documentary. Growing up in Antonito was probably the best thing that could have happened to me. The people and the culture of El Valle de San Luis are to be admired and respected. And I sincerely thank Father Pat Valdez, Sister Rene Weeks, my family and the people of these communities for their participation in this documentary."

*I, Fr. Benito A. Hernandez, C.R. Parish Administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Conejos, CO. support all work that Mr. Rick Vigil is doing for this great purpose in our community.*

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Benito A. Hernandez, C.R.  
Parish Administrator