

La Clinica, Archbishop ink deal

Archbishop James Peter Davis Thursday signed a contract with members of the boards of directors for La Clinica, Inc. and La Gente, Inc., to lease the controversial former Escuela y Colegio Tonantzin grounds to La Clinica de La Gente.

Davis made the trip to Santa Fe to tour the current facilities of the medical clinic, board members of La Clinica said.

The agreement with Davis had been negotiated about a month previously, although no formal contract had been signed. The pact gives La

Clinica de La Gente a five-year lease on the building and its surrounding acreage, approximately 31 acres total in total, at no charge. The contract is renewable each fifth year as long as La Clinica is "serving the community," said Emma Rivera, La Clinica director.

The new building will allow for expansion of the facility in terms of floor space and patients, the board members said. They currently are serving about 2,500 patients. The new building will offer about three times the floor space, said board member Felipe C

deBaca.

The new move into the new facility will take place within a couple of months, Mrs. Rivera said. Some work must be done to renovate and restore portions of the building damaged in last September's shootout between Santa Fe City police officers and a Chicano group then oc-

cupying the building as a school.

In addition to the comprehensive health care facilities at the location, board members said a dental clinic will also be opened in July at the former convent

La Clinica now operates with

a general practitioner and a pediatrician, Mrs. Rivera said. La Clinica will be in charge of the medical and dental facilities at the new location and La Gente will be in charge of an education program for a possible school at the new building.

