



WEEKLY Diocesan Update



Photo of the Week:

On October 9, 2019, the Pastoral Center Staff held its annual retreat at St. Joachim Catholic Church in Lockeford. The retreat was led by members of the Verbum Dei sisters of the Bay Area & the Valley. A special thanks to all of those involved and all who made this wonderful day possible.

Office of the Bishop:

Bishop Cotta's Monthly Reflection – Please [click here](#) to read Bishop Cotta's Monthly Reflection for the month of October.

Catholic Communications Campaign Collection – I would like to sincerely thank you all for your kindness and generosity for our recent second collection to benefit the Catholic Communications Campaign. Together as a Diocese we were able to collect nearly \$75,000, half of which stays right here in our diocese. May the Lord reward you for your goodness!

Catholic Rural Life – The Church sets aside feast days and liturgical days throughout the year to help us remember and celebrate our spiritual lives. Catholic Rural Life takes particular interest in the cycles of nature and seeks ways to unite the change of seasons with the constant Word of the liturgy. To that end, they have put together a series of blessings for each month of the year that highlights an aspect of rural life. To read the blessing for the month of October please [click here](#). More information will soon be available on our website.

Upcoming Events:

October: Respect Life Month

October 1-December 10:
Adult Bible Study (St. Michaels)

October 19: Curso de Formacion Biblica 2019

October 23: Memorial Mass for the Unborn (Holy Family Church)

October 25-27: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (English)

October 28: All Clergy Day

October 28: The 177 Project (St. Stanislaus)

November 16: 7th Annual Bishop's Dinner for the Seminarians

December 5-7: California Catholic Ministry Conference

Visit our [website's calendar](#) for full details about upcoming events

Office of Communications

Parishes and schools are encouraged to continue to submit your upcoming events to the diocesan website. Events will then be added to our calendar and the Weekly Update for all to see. You can submit your request to be added to the calendar by visiting this [link](#).

Office of Family and Respect Life:

Memorial Mass for the Unborn – For those who have suffered the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth or abortion and for family and friends who have been affected, you are not alone. Join us for a time of prayer and healing on October 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm. The event will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Modesto.

Office of Religious Education:

The San Jose Diocese's California Catholic Ministry Conference (formerly known as Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference) is an excellent conference with over 90 speakers and specialized tracks. The ORE is on the planning committee and excited to participate. For more information go to www.cacmc.net.

Safe Environment

The Diocese of Stockton is taking an active role in educating the public and parishioners in regards to everything we are doing to maintain a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults. Each month we will post information from various departments here at the Pastoral Center highlighting their role and what they do to help keep our children safe. This information is intended to be shared with as many people as possible. Please [click here](#) to see this month's edition.

Vicar for Priests:

2019 All Clergy Day is October 28. The event will be held at St. Frances of Rome in Riverbank. Cost is \$30 per person. For more information and to register today register today please [click here](#).

Vocations:

Vocations to the Priesthood Dinner – Do you know an adult male who might be called to the priesthood? If so, please invite him to our next discernment meeting October 27, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the St. John Vianney House of Formation in Stockton. A light meal will be offered. RSVP to Fr. Cesar Martinez at vocations@stocktondiocese.org.

***All events are Pastoral Center events unless specified.**