



WEEKLY Diocesan Update

CHRIST
OUR HOPE
IN EVERY SEASON OF *Life*
RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2019

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Photo of the Week:

In October we continue to celebrate Respect Life Month. This year's theme, chosen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life. Please also keep in mind that a Memorial Mass for the Unborn will be taking place this Wednesday in Modesto. Please see below for more details.

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 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.

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.

Upcoming Events:

October: Respect Life Month

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

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

November 17: Eric Genuis Benefit Concert

December 5-7: California Catholic Ministry Conference

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

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.

November Workshops – There will be two Saturday Vocation Workshops in November: November 9th in English, and November 16th in Spanish. Both will be held at the Cathedral of the Annunciation's Main Gym on Lincoln Street from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Morning coffee and a light lunch will be offered. Please register by e-mail to pianni@stocktondiocese.org with your name, parish, phone number, and indicate which workshop you will attend.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry:

Annual Latino Leadership Youth and Young Adult Ministry Weekend – November 8-10, 2019 at the Madonna of Peace. Coordinators of Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministry groups are invited to attend. This workshop is for Youth Leaders and Advisors of our diocese and young adults. Objectives of this workshop include: Train in the methodologies of planning and execution of integral formative processes with Youth and Young Adults. For more information contact Jose Lopez at jlopez@stocktondiocese.org or at 209-466 0636.