



WEEKLY Diocesan Update



Photo of the Week:

Annual Deacon Retreat: October 11-13 marked the annual deacon retreat at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville. It was a record turnout for deacons and wives. They were joined by Bishop Cotta who spent some quality time with the group. The Retreat Master was Fr. John Peter, Pastor of St. Bernadette's Parish in Stockton. It was a grace filled time for relax, restore and joyful time spent as a Deacon Community.

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 – To read the blessing for the month of October please [click here](#). For more information about Catholic Rural Life please visit our [website](#).

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.

Upcoming Events:

October: Respect Life Month

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

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

October 27: Vocations Discernment Dinner

October 28: All Clergy Day

October 28: The 177 Project (St. Stanislaus)

November 2: Formación Liderazgo Pastoral

November 8-10: Annual Latino Leadership Youth and Young Adult Ministry Weekend

November 9: Vocations Workshop (English)

November 16: Vocations Workshop (Spanish)

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

November 17: Eric Genuis Benefit Concert

November 23-24: Curso de Formacion Biblica 2019

December 5-7: California Catholic Ministry Conference

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 today! The event will be held at St. Frances of Rome in Riverbank.

Vocations:

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.

December 8: 39th Annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Diocesan Celebration

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