Photo of the Week:
LIVE, SERVE AND LEAD WITH ABUNDANT JOY.
Youth Leaders from different parishes participated on the Annual youth Leadership workshop, November 8-10, 2019. They reflected and used the methodology of the Pastoral Circle of See-judge-act.

- See how his story is interwoven in the mission of God's love
- Discern and design a road map to find God through the encounter with other people in the peripheries
- Leave without fear, with roots in a global perspective, with skills and resources to live, serve and lead with abundant joy

Office of the Bishop:
Bishop Cotta’s Monthly Reflection – Please click here to read Bishop Cotta’s Monthly Reflection for the month of November. A Spanish version of the reflection will be sent out ASAP.

Catholic Rural Life – This month’s Catholic Rural blessing is the blessing of food. Harvest festivals are an ancient practice. The great American feast of Thanksgiving follows that tradition. It reminds us that another year’s work of growing food is over. We are thankful for all we can store to get us through the winter and continue to enjoy our land’s abundance and variety. We also take time to remember God who has given us so much. To read the blessing for the month of November please click here. For more information about Catholic Rural Life please visit our website.

Upcoming Events:
October: Respect Life Month
October 1-December 10: Adult Bible Study (St. Michaels)
November 23: Annunciation Preschool Christmas Boutique
November 23: Friendsgiving! Inter-Parish Young Adult Event (13480 Orange Blossom Road, Oakdale)
November 23: Tribunal Aide Training (St. Bernadette Church)
November 23-24: Curso de Formacion Biblica 2019
November 25, December 2, 9, & 16: Advent Retreat of Matthew's Gospel (Presentation Church)
December 5-7: California Catholic Ministry Conference
December 8: 39th Annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Diocesan Celebration
December 10-13: Advent Mission with Fr. Wade Menezes
December 12: Las Mananitas (St. Michael Church)
Office of Development

For those who were unable to attend the Bishop’s Awards Dinner, videos/presentations are now available on our website at: https://stocktondiocese.org/about-the-bishops-awards

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. This Month looks at how the Office of Vicar for Priests is taking an active role in contributing to a safe environment for all. Please click here to see this month’s edition.

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.

Vocations:

Vocations to the Priesthood – If you or someone you know would like to learn more on the process of becoming a priest, please come to the next discernment meeting on November 24 at the Saint John Vianney House of Formation, 4101 N. Manchester Ave., Stockton, CA 95207. The meeting starts at 5:00. A light dinner will be offered. Please contact Fr. Cesar Martinez, Director of Vocations, for more information: vocations@stocktondiocese.org

*All events are Pastoral Center events unless specified.