



WEEKLY Diocesan Update



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)

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](#).

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

December 14: Christian Parenting and Family Life in Today's World (Church of the Presentation)

December 14: Formación Liderazgo Pastoral

December 14: Tribunal Aide Training (St. Bernadette Church)

December 16-24: Simbang Gabi (Misa de Gallo) (Our Lady of Guadalupe Church)

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

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