Photo of the Week:
The Catholic faithful across the United States are being invited to pray for Pope Francis as he celebrates 50 years as a priest on December 13, 2019.

Office of the Bishop:
Bishop Cotta’s Monthly Reflection – Please click here to read Bishop Cotta’s Monthly Reflection for the month of December.

Catholic Rural Life – This month’s Catholic Rural blessing is the blessing of night. As the daylight hours give way during the month of December, the night calls our attention. Darkness invites us into its mystery, to gaze into its star-filled sky with wonder. As we watch and wait for the Light during the season of Advent, the darkness of a particular night can be a powerful setting for prayer. To read the blessing for the month of December please click here. For more information about Catholic Rural Life please visit our website.

Office of Development and Stewardship:
#iGiveCatholic Fundraising Initiative – Thank you to our donors and friends who supported this year’s iGiveCatholic Giving Day on December 3! This year, the Diocese of Stockton’s Office of Development partnered with #iGiveCatholic and offered this online fundraising initiative to our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. We are pleased to report the following (tentative) results: • $3,561.00 total raised • 31 donors • 5 ministries of the Diocese of Stockton. For more information, please visit this link.

Office of Human Resources
Robert Poncini – We are excited to announce that we have hired Robert Poncini as the Coordinator of Life and Dignity ministry in the Office of Family and Respect Life, effective Monday, December 2, 2019.
Robert will be working part-time in collaboration with Deacon Steve Budnik, the Coordinator of Marriage and Family. Please join us in welcoming him. To read Robert’s full biography please click here.

Vocations

Do you know a Catholic adult male who is interested in learning about the priesthood? Invite him to our December Discernment dinner meeting on December 15, 2019 at 5:00 pm at the St. John Vianney House of Formation in Stockton. A light dinner will be offered. For questions or more information please contact Fr. Cesar Martinez, Director of Vocations: vocations@stocktondiocese.org or call 209-466-0636.

Office of Worship

Guidelines and resources for celebrating the liturgies of Advent and Christmas can be found in the Liturgy & Worship section of the diocesan website.