

**Office of the Bishop:**

Bishop Cotta's Monthly Reflection – Please [click here](#) to read Bishop Cotta's Monthly Reflection for the month of April.

Office of Development and Stewardship:

2019 Bishop's Ministry Appeal (BMA) Update – THANK YOU to pastors, clergy, deacons, BMA Chairs, staff, and volunteers for your great work, and Congratulations to St. Patrick Church in Ripon for being the first parish to reach (exceed) goal! We are pleased to report a total of \$1,397,846 received to date (cash collected) and total pledges promised of \$955,161 from 7,099 generous donors. Thank you for your kind support of the 2019 Bishop's Ministry Appeal, as we work together "As One – Serving the Lord" to reach the \$2.5 million goal!

Save The Date – 2019 Bishop's Awards Dinner, Saturday, October 5, 2019 at Church of the Presentation in Stockton. Details to come!

Office of Formation for Seminarians:

Save the Date – The Office of Formation for Seminarians proudly announces the Priestly Ordination of two of our seminarians: Deacon Ace Cisneros and Deacon Larry Machado. These men are finishing their studies that have brought them to this point in their journey. The Ordination will take place at the Cathedral of the Annunciation, Saturday, July 6, 2019, at 10:00 am. Please join us in celebrating the holiday weekend by your presence at this wonderful event. More information to follow.

Safe Environment:

Child Abuse Prevention Month – Did you know?

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People calls for annual audits of dioceses and eparchies to ascertain compliance with USCCB guidelines. Annual Audits have been conducted since 2003. Results of the audits are published online in May for the public. For more information see the USCCB's webpage on the [Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People](#).

Social Justice/Restorative Justice:

Deacon Fidel Carrillo, a Chaplain at one of our Youth Correction Facilities, invites you to read about a program he has instituted. Please [click here](#) to read more.

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 Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 5:00 pm in the Cathedral of the Annunciation's Parish House. 425 W. Magnolia Street, Stockton. A light meal will be offered. RSVP to Fr. Cesar at: 209-463-1305 or vocations@stocktondiocese.org

