

A Message from Bishop Cotta

My Dear People of God,

I would like to sincerely thank you all for your kindness and generosity for our recent second collection to benefit our Sisters and Brothers affected by the recent Camp Fire. Together as a Diocese we were able to collect and to send aid totaling \$157,110.62 to our friends in the Diocese of Sacramento. Your generosity will bring much comfort to them, and assure them that they are not alone.

I ask that you continue to pray for those affected communities and families, and thank you again for graciously contributing to the relief efforts.

May the Lord reward you for your goodness!

Bishop Cotta

Diocesan Events

1. **Office of Youth and Young Adults Ministry** – Bilingual Diocesan Conference, will be held on March 16-17, 2019. Modesto Centre Plaza (1000 K. Street, Modesto), 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. **JUVENTUD, NUESTRO TIEMPO ES HOY/OUR TIME IS NOW**. There will be music, rallies, great speakers, prayer. Mass on Sunday will be presided over by Bishop Cotta. The three tracks include: adolescents, young adults, and Quinceañeras. For more information call the Office of Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministry at: (209) 466-0636 or email José López jlopez@stocktondiocese.org or visit [here](#).
2. **Hundredfold Workshop** – March 23, 2019 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Annunciation Gym. This is the *VOCATION MINISTRY* training workshop for all parishes and will be done in English and Spanish. For more information and to register, visit: <https://bit.ly/2RzZict>.
3. **Discernment Dinner** – March 24, 2019 at 5:00 PM. This is a meeting for those young men who are considering the priesthood as their vocation. To be held at the Cathedral Parish House, 425 W. Magnolia St. in Stockton. A light meal will be offered. RSVP to Fr. Cesar at: vocations@stocktondiocese.org or (209) 463-1305.
4. **Office of Religious Education** – Take the First Step! *Da el Primer Paso!* Ministry Day Conference is April 6, 2019. Come join us for Ministry Day 2019 and for a chance to listen to some of our local priests, parishioners and many more! Don't miss the opportunity to grow in faith and participate in the Immersion Experience offered by the diocesan social justice leadership. For more information contact Stephanie Rodriguez at (209) 546-7652. Visit our website and download the registration book and form [here](#).

Informational Items

1. **Office of Worship** – Please visit this [link](#) to find resources for parishes to assist in the observance of Lent.
2. **Office of Development** – Bishop Cotta's 2019 BMA Video Link is now available for download. Spanish and English versions are available. Also available are audio versions



for you to share during Mass, in your parish bulletin/website, and on your favorite social media channels. To access the video please click [here](#).

3. **40 Days for Life, Modesto** – March 6-April 14, 2019. The Respect Life Ministry at St. Joseph's Parish in Modesto is sponsoring this peaceful prayer vigil. It will be held Monday thru Saturday at Family Planning Associates, 2030 Coffee Road, Modesto. You can sign up for Vigil Hours at <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/modesto/>. If you have questions contact Roger & Karen Salstrom at (408) 309-6378 or fortydaysmodesto@aol.com.
4. **Ministry to the Deaf Catholic Community** – A Lenten Retreat opportunity in the Diocese of Sacramento. On Saturday, March 16, 2019. Deaf Priest, Father Michael Depcik, OSFS will be in Sacramento offering “We All Are Called To Be Saints”. Internationally and nationally known in the deaf community as Father MD, he live-streams ASL Mass on Facebook from the Archdiocese of Detroit each week. For more information, please visit this link.
5. **SAVE THE DATE – Annual Priests' Retreat:** May 6–10, 2019 at San Juan Bautista. More information to come.
6. **SAVE THE DATE – Office of Formation for Seminarians:** 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 10:00am. Please join us in celebrating the holiday weekend by your presence at this wonderful event. More information to follow.
7. **SAVE THE DATE – Annual Deacons Retreat:** October 11–13, 2019.