

**Office of the Bishop:**

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

Motu Proprio – On Thursday, May 9, His Holiness Pope Francis released a motu proprio to address the ongoing evil of sexual abuse, Vos estis lux mundi. Multiple language translations of the moto proprio, as well as a statement regarding the same made by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, can be [found here](#).

Office of Communications:

Do not forget to take the opportunity to experience, explore and see what resources each of your parishes may be able to utilize on our new site. It is our goal to make this a destination for all who are seeking information about our diocese, parishes and our Catholic faith! Please like and share the good news about our new website and visit it today: <https://stocktondiocese.org/>

Office of Development and Stewardship:

Bishop's Awards Dinner – We invite you to submit honoree nominations for those individuals and organizations who continually demonstrate commitment and support to our Catholic community. Nominees may be individuals, married couples, or organizations, and you may submit more than one nominee. Nomination Forms may be downloaded from our website at this [link](#) or by contacting the Development Office at 209-546-7646. New categories this year include:

- Lifetime of Service as a Pastor (Active or Retired)
- Lifetime of Service as a Deacon and Deacon's Wife (Active or Retired)
- Catholic Organization Service Award

Individuals who submit Honoree nominations will be advised of the outcome of his/her nomination in June.

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.

Vicar for Priests/Clergy Services:

Save the Date – All Clergy Day will be held Monday, October 28, 2019 at St. Frances of Rome's large hall in Riverbank. This event is for all priests, deacons and their spouses, and religious sisters. More information and registration to follow later this summer.

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, May 26, 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

