

**Office of the Bishop:**

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

Oppose SB 360 - SB 360, the bill which threatens the seal of confession, is now headed to the State Assembly after passing out of the Senate. The seal of confession is one of the most sacrosanct of Catholic beliefs and penitents rely on this unbreakable guarantee to freely confess and seek reconciliation with God. We must continue to work to protect confession for all as the bill moves to the State Assembly. Please urge your State Assembly Member to vote 'no' on SB 360 to protect the seal of confession. Please share this information with your parishioners.

TAKE Action Now:

[Send an email to your Assembly Member opposing SB 360.](#)

USCCB, Migration – The President of the United States Bishops and Chairman of Migration have issued a statement on the President's proposed immigration reform plan. [Click here](#) to read the full statement.

**Office of Communications:**

We continue to invite everyone to learn and engage with our Catholic Community by exploring the many engaging topics, resources and events available on our new website. 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.

**Human Resources:**

Open Enrollment Forms – Open Enrollment forms must be turned into the Human Resources Department no later than May 30, 2019.

**Life and Dignity Ministry:**

Natural Family Planning Week – Love, Naturally! Cooperating with God's Design for Married Love is the theme for 2019 Natural Family Planning Week. To download free English and Spanish resources (e.g. homily notes, bulletin inserts, social media files, etc.) or purchase the poster see this [link](#).

**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](mailto:vocations@stocktondiocese.org)

**Office of Worship:**

Liturgical Reminders – The optional memorial of Pope St. Paul VI may be celebrated on May 29th. This observance was added to the liturgical calendar by Pope Francis this past January. The [USCCB web site](#) has information regarding the liturgical propers.

The extended Pentecost Vigil may be celebrated on June 8th. The readings for the expanded Vigil can be found in the Lectionary Supplement. Information explaining the celebration can be found in [this article](#). Information about the liturgical propers, including PDFs of the readings in English and in Spanish, can be found [here](#).

June 10th, will be the memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church, which was established by Pope Francis in 2018. For more information about this celebration, including the text of a prayer of consecration of our Diocese to Mary, Mother of the Church, see the [Diocesan website](#).

