

**Office of the Bishop:**

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

**New Cemetery Opening** – Bishop Myron J. Cotta cordially invites you to attend the blessing of Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery. The blessing will take place on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 10:00 am. The address is 3200 Dakota Avenue, Modesto California.

**Office of Development and Stewardship:**

**Parish Offertory Program** – The Parish Offertory Program Pastor Committee has concluded that our 35 parishes within the Diocese of Stockton will embark together, As One Church to continue the Offertory Program in 2019. Pastors will soon receive a letter from Bishop Cotta regarding the Parish Offertory Campaign with Parish Offertory Participation Committee forms, Timeline, and RSVP forms for the upcoming Parish Offertory Workshops to be conducted by Bannon and Associates, Inc. All Pastors, Priests, Office Business Administrators, Parish and Finance Council Members and Parish Offertory Committee Members are to attend one of the workshops below.

Parish Offertory Workshops:

8/22/2019- 10:00 am, St. Frances of Rome Church, Riverbank.

8/22/2019- 6:00 pm, Church of the Presentation, Stockton.

8/23/2019- 10:00 am, St. Patrick Church, Angels Camp.

For additional information or if you have any questions, please contact the Development Office at 209-466-0636.

**School of Ministry:**

School of Ministry office will be offering the Introduction to Theology for Ministry course at 3 locations and a Scripture study course:

Introduction courses:

St. Stanislaus School in Modesto on Monday Nights beginning on 9/16/19 in Spanish & English

St. Bernadette in Stockton on Tuesday Nights beginning on 9/17/19 in English

St. Anthony in Manteca on Thursday Nights beginning on 9/26/19 in Spanish

Scripture course:

Ryan Center in Stockton on Monday Nights beginning on 9/9/19 in English.

Registration will be open from July 19, 2019 through August 30, 2019. For more information contact: Isela Quezada at 209/546-7630, via email at [som@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:som@stocktondiocese.org) or visit our website.

**Vicar for Priests:**

Discernment Meetings are starting up again. To learn more about becoming a priest, please attend this informative meeting on Sunday, August 25th at 5:00 pm at the St. John Vianney/Newman House. The house can be located at 4101 Manchester Avenue, Stockton CA. A light dinner will be offered. RSVP to Fr. Cesar Martinez @ [vocations@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@stocktondiocese.org).

### **Youth and Young Adult Ministry:**

**Gathering at the Park for Mass and Fellowship** – The Latino Youth and Young Adult parish groups are invited to a “Convivencia Juvenil” at the Weber Point Events Center where Mass will be presided by Father Cesar Martinez followed by sports and lunch. For event details, please [click here](#).

**Retreat for Young Adults (18 years or older)** “SE AMIGO DE TI MISMO” – Starting Friday at 7:00 pm and ending Sunday at 3:00 pm at the Madonna of Peace Renewal Center. Spirituality and Human Development of Young Adults. [Click here](#) for more information.

**Retreat for Adolescents (14-17 years old)** “UN ENCUENTRO DE AMOR” – Starting Friday at 7:00 pm and ending Sunday at 3:00 pm at the Madonna of Peace Renewal Center. This retreat is for adolescents interested in learning about Jesus Christ and finding themselves. This is also an opportunity to reflect on topics such as drugs, sex, school and family.

To register contact Jose Lopez at 209-546-7632 or email [jlopez@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:jlopez@stocktondiocese.org) or you may download the registration forms at this [link](#).