Photo of the Week:
Bishop Cotta with Deacon Lane Menezes, [Director of Office for Worship] Michael Schmitz, and servers from Holy Family parish following the blessing of Good Shepherd Cemetery on July 23rd.

Office of the Bishop:
Bishop Cotta’s Monthly Reflection – Please click here to read Bishop Cotta’s Monthly Reflection for the month of July.

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` or visit our website.

**Office of Worship:**

The second English-language edition of the Order of Baptism for Children has been approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship and implementation is set for early 2020. The first-use date is February 2, 2020, and use will be obligatory as of Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. Information on workshops on this new translation, as well as opportunities for ordering the new ritual edition, will be forthcoming.

**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 will be provided at a later date.