



WEEKLY Diocesan Update



Photo of the Week:

Another great moment of blessing in the Diocese of Stockton. Thanks to the great work of the Diocesan Team of Young Adults who guided, accompanied and gave testimony of faith to the young adults who participated in a retreat on August 2-4.

In his Apostolic Exhortation CHRISTUS VIVIT # 234, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis states: “The Synod called for the development of a youth ministry capable of being inclusive, with room for all kinds of young people, to show that we are a Church with open doors.”

Office of the Bishop:

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

Office of Development and Stewardship:

Bishop’s Awards Dinner – The Most Reverend Bishop Myron J. Cotta and Chairpersons Patrick and Gail Velasquez (parishioners of St. Bernadette Parish) are pleased to invite all of our parishes, schools, ministries, non-profit organizations, and friends to actively participate in the 18th Annual Bishop’s Awards Dinner: A “Celebration of Faith – Lived!” The event is on Saturday, October 5, 2019 at the Church of the Presentation in Stockton. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and celebration among the clergy and parishioners, as we pay tribute to our Honorees, the outstanding Catholic women and men – lay, religious and clergy who have given so graciously to our parish communities.

Upcoming Events:

August 17-18: Holy Cross Church Round Up (Holy Cross)

August 23-25: Adolescents Retreat

August 24: Catechist Formation Day

August 24: Taste of the Parish (Annunciation)

August 26: Inter Parish Event (Presentation)

September 7: Annual Parish Respect Life Representatives Meeting

September 7: Parish Fiesta (Annunciation)

September 8: Parish Festival (St. Luke’s)

September 9: Scripture Institute Course

September 14: On Fire Nor-Cal Jam

September 15: Catechetical Sunday

September 15: Cathedral Concert Series (Annunciation)

September 20-22: Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat (Spanish).

September 21: Parish Festival (All Saints)

Thank you to those parishes, schools, organizations, businesses, and friends who have already secured a sponsorship for this year's event! To reserve your sponsorship contact Martha McCoy, Office of Development & Stewardship at mmccoy@stocktondiocese.org or 209-546-7646 or please visit our website.

Life and Dignity Ministry:

Respect Life Representatives Meeting – September 7, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm, St. Michael's Parish, Stockton. Parish Respect Life and/or Social Justice Committees, Priests and Deacons are invited to join in prayer, fellowship and inspiration. We will begin with Mass celebrated by Bishop Myron J. Cotta. Respect Life Month Theme is "Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life." Lunch will be served. RSVP by August 28 to Kim Fuentes at 209-465-5433 or kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat – Sept. 20-22, (Spanish) & Oct. 25-27, (English). Please help us to advertise this powerful healing experience in both Spanish and English. Download the Spanish flyer [here](#) and the English flyer [here](#). Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. There is a supportive and non-judgmental environment to transform the pain of the past into love and hope. We encourage women, men and couples to attend. Questions call the Life & Dignity Ministry at 209-465-5433.

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.

September 21-22: Church and School Festival (St. George's)

September 28-29: Parish Festival (St. Michael's)

September 29: World Day of Migrants and Refugees

October 5: Bishops Awards Dinner

October 25-27: Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (English)

October 28: All Clergy Day

***All events are Pastoral Center events unless specified.**

Visit our website's calendar for full details about upcoming events