



WEEKLY Diocesan Update



Photo of the Week:

Pictured above, Bishop Cotta and the 2019 Bishop's Awards Dinner Honorees. For event tickets or sponsorship information, please contact Martha McCoy at mmccoy@stocktondiocese.org.

A Special Announcement:

With congratulations and gratitude to Msgr. Robert Silva and Fr. Armando Vergara for their many years of service as they retire, and to Fr. Khoi Pham and Msgr. John Armistead as they accept new pastoral assignments, Bishop Cotta announces the following appointments:

To take effect on August 15, 2019:

Rev. Marcelino Malana as Parochial Vicar of Holy Family Church, Modesto

Rev. Alvaro Lopez as Parochial Vicar of St Jude Church, Ceres

To take effect on August 31, 2019:

Rev. Michael Brady as Parochial Vicar of St Joseph Church, Modesto

To take effect on October 1, 2019:

Rev. Ramon Bejarano as Pastor of the Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton

Rev. Mark Wagner as Pastor of the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stockton

Rev. Samuel West as Pastor of St Joseph Church, Modesto

Rev. Ernesto Madrigal as Administrator of Our Lady of Fatima Church, Modesto

Rev. Luis Cordeiro as Administrator of St Anthony Church, Hughson

Deacon José Reyes as Parish Life Coordinator of St Stanislaus Church, Modesto

Rev. Matthew O'Donnell as Parochial Vicar of the Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Stockton

Please pray for them and their communities in this time of transition.

Upcoming Events:

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: Memorial
Mass for the Unborn

September 7: Annual Parish
Respect Life Representatives
Meeting

September 7: Parish Fiesta
(Annunciation)

September 7-8: Formacion
Liderazgo Pastoral

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)

Office of the Bishop:

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

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.

Memorial Mass for the Unborn – September 3, 7:00 pm at St. George Church, Stockton. Please help us get the word out about this bi-lingual service for those who have suffered the loss of an infant through miscarriage, stillbirth, or abortion and for family and friends who have been affected. A bilingual flyer can be downloaded [here](#). Call the Life & Dignity Ministry at 209-465-5433 with any questions.

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.

Vicar for Priests:

Should I consider the Priesthood? If you or someone you know is a good candidate for the priesthood, please attend the next discernment meeting on August 25th at 5:00 pm at the new location - John Vianney House of Formation (Newman House), 4101 Manchester Ave., Stockton, CA 95207. A light dinner will be included. For more information please contact Fr. Cesar Martinez, Director of Vocations, at 209-466-0636 or vocations@stocktondiocese.org

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: Curso de Formacion Biblica 2019

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

September 29: World Day of Migrants and Refugees

October 4: Retiro de Quinceaneras

October 5: Bishops Awards Dinner

October 12-13: Formacion Liderazgo Pastoral

October 19: Curso de Formacion Biblica 2019

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