



# WEEKLY Diocesan Update



## Photo of the Week:

A special occasion for Our Lady of La Vang was celebrated at the House of the Cistercian community in commemoration of the 2nd anniversary of the first visit at the Diocese of Stockton. The Mass was in honor of Sr. Michelle Xuan Nguyen who celebrated her 25th anniversary of professing vows.

## Special Announcement:

The Pastoral Center will be closed Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on September 3.

## Office of the Bishop:

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

**A letter from Bishop Cotta** – Please [click here](#) to read a letter from Bishop Cotta regarding plans to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood and religious life for our diocese.

## Office of Development and Stewardship:

We are delighted to announce that Bishop Myron Cotta has approved the Diocese of Stockton's participation in the #iGiveCatholic Giving Day on Tuesday, December 3. The Office of Development is partnering with #iGiveCatholic to offer this online fundraising initiative to our parishes, schools, and nonprofit ministries. Reminder - the first Getting Ready for #iGiveCatholic Webinar for all Participating Organizations is Tuesday, August 27 at 12:00 pm. For more information and to register for the webinar, please visit [igivecatholic.org](http://igivecatholic.org) or contact the Development Office at 209-466-0636.

## Upcoming Events:

**August 26:** Inter Parish Event (Presentation)

**September 3:** 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)

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

**September 28-29:** Curso de Formacion Biblica 2019

## Diaconate:

Our annual Deacon Information Night will be held from 7:00-8:00 pm on August 29 at the Ryan Conference Center, located next door to the Pastoral Center.

Another session will be held on September 4 at Our Lady of Fatima from 7:00-8:00 pm. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a deacon, this is the place to start!

## Life and Dignity Ministry:

**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.

**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](mailto: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.

## 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:

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

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

**September 28-29:** County Fair with a Flair (St. Joachim's)

**September 29:** World Day of Migrants and Refugees

**October:** Respect Life Month

**October 4:** Retiro de Quinceaneras

**October 5:** Bishops Awards Dinner

**October 12-13:** Discovering Divine Mercy-God's Precious Gift (St. Michael's)

**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**