



WEEKLY Diocesan Update



Photo of the Week:

Fr. Cesar Martinez, Director of SJV House at the Blessing of St. John Vianney House on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

Office of the Bishop:

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I wanted to just send a note of thanks for the Masses, prayers & greetings of congratulations on my 32nd anniversary to the Priesthood of Our Lord, 9/12/87. I truly appreciate it. Please keep me in your prayers as you are in mine.

In the Peace of Christ,
Bishop Myron

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

Office of Communications:

Reminders – Please keep in mind when using our new Diocese of Stockton website, that not all web browsers are recommended. Users have experienced issues when using some versions of Internet Explorer. If you have had any issues please download a different browser such as Chrome or Firefox.

Upcoming Events:

September 20: Parish Fall Festival (Presentation)

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 22: Parish Festival (St. Mary's Oakdale)

September 28-29: Curso de Formacion Biblica 2019

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: Parish Festival (Holy Family)

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

Life and Dignity Ministry:

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:

The School of Ministry office is still accepting registrations for the Spanish Introduction to Theology for Ministry course at St. Anthony in Manteca that will take place on Thursday night's beginning on September 26, 2019. The school is also working with the Tribunal Office on providing a two-day Marriage Tribunal Aide Specialized Training at St. Bernadette Church in Stockton on Saturday, November 23, 2019 and Saturday December 14, 2019. Parish pre-registration forms are available online and through the School of Ministry Office. Deadline to register is Monday, November 4, 2019. For more info contact: Isela Quezada at 209-546-7630, via email at som@stocktondiocese.org or visit our website.

Vicar for Priests:

In the name of the whole local church Bishop Cotta expresses his congratulations and gratitude to Fr. Rolando Petronio on his retirement after many years of service, particularly these last years as pastor of St. Patrick Church in Angels Camp.

Bishop Cotta announces the following appointments:

Effective on September 1, 2019:

Rev. Ronald Manango as Parochial Vicar of St. Anne Church, Lodi.

Effective on October 1, 2019:

Rev. John Paul Pasala, HGN, as Administrator of St Patrick Church, Angels Camp.

Rev. Yesobu Banka as Administrator of St Patrick Church, Sonora.

Rev. Khoi Pham as Parochial Vicar of St Jude Church, Ceres.

Rev. Dante Dammay as Parochial Vicar of Sacred Heart Church, Turlock.

Rev. Leo Del Carmen as Parochial Vicar of St. George Church, Stockton.

Rev. Sleevaraj Pasala as Parochial Vicar of St. Stanislaus Church, Modesto.

Rev. Joseph Nguyen as Parochial Vicar of St. Bernard Church, Tracy.

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

Offices of Youth & Young Adult and Hispanic Ministry

Bible Course in Spanish – We are inviting young adults and adults to register for this 56 hour course of formation in Scripture. It will be offered on weekends from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm beginning on September 28-29, 2019. Cost: \$25 per weekend. Registration deadline is September 22. Contact José López for additional information at: 209-466-0636, ext. 632, or via email at: jlopez@stocktondiocese.org. The need for this type of training was expressed during the V Encuentro consultation process in the Diocese. We are working in collaboration with Instituto Fe y Vida.

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

November 16: 7th Annual Bishop's Dinner for the Seminarians

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

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