



WEEKLY Diocesan Update



Join us
for a Blessing at the White Mass

Thursday, October 17th at 5:45 pm • St. Joseph's Church • Bishop Cotta presiding

Photo of the Week:

Join us for a blessing at the White Mass on October 17 at 5:45 pm at St. Joseph's Church.

Office of the Bishop:

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

Office of Development and Stewardship:

The Diocese of Stockton will be participating 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. Registration closes October 31 for participating parishes, schools and nonprofit ministries. A live Webinar with GiveGab will take place November 5. For more information and to register for the webinar, please visit igivecatholic.org or contact the Development Office at 209-466-0636.

Office of Communications:

As many of you already know and have seen, we have a new bi-weekly newsletter that focuses on a different parish each week. The Pastoral Center is looking for volunteers/parishes that can be added to a schedule to feature in the As One: Parish Focus. You do not have to be an "As One Parish" to be featured. If you and your parish would like to volunteer please email Joe Dondero at jdondero@stocktondiocese.org. Any volunteers will be greatly appreciated. To see the latest As One: Parish Focus, please visit this [link](#).

Upcoming Events:

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: Stockton Chorale performing Will Todd's "Mass in Blue"

October 12-13: Parish Festival (Holy Family)

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

Life and Dignity Ministry:

Respect Life Sunday 2nd Collection- October 6, 2019. Your donation will support the efforts of the Diocesan Office of Family & Respect Life Ministry to provide:

- * Support parish activities promoting the dignity of all life
- * Networking with Pregnancy Resource Centers
- * Post-abortion reconciliation & healing (Project Rachel)
- * Christian Marriage (preparation and enrichment)
- * Natural Family Planning
- * Parenting (in times of crisis and just the everyday)
- * Single, Divorced and Separated Catholics
- * Care of our Sick & Elderly / End of Life Preparations

Office of Religious Education:

The San Jose Diocese's California Catholic Ministry Conference (formerly known as Santa Clara Faith Formation Conference) is an excellent conference with over 90 speakers and specialized tracks. The ORE is on the planning committee and excited to participate. For more information go to www.cacmc.net.

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:

2019 All Clergy Day is October 28. The event will be held at St. Frances of Rome in Riverbank. Cost is \$30 per person. For more information and to register today register today please [click here](#).

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. 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.

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

December 5-7: California Catholic Ministry Conference

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

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