



WEEKLY Diocesan Update

CHRIST OUR HOPE
IN EVERY SEASON OF *Life*
RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2019

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Photo of the Week:

In October we will once again celebrate Respect Life Month. This year's theme, chosen by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is Christ Our Hope: In Every Season of Life.

Office of the Bishop:

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

Catholic Rural Life – The Church sets aside feast days and liturgical days throughout the year to help us remember and celebrate our spiritual lives. Catholic Rural Life takes particular interest in the cycles of nature and seeks ways to unite the change of seasons with the constant Word of the liturgy. To that end, they have put together a series of blessings for each month of the year that highlights an aspect of rural life. To read the blessing for the month of October please [click here](#). More information will soon be available on our website.

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.

Upcoming Events:

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

October 28: The 177 Project (St. Stanislaus)

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

December 5-7: California Catholic Ministry Conference

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.

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](#).

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

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