



# WEEKLY Diocesan Update



Photo taken by Stephen Hopson

## Photo of the Week:

St. Mary's and Central Catholic High School's football teams gathered around Bishop Cotta for a pregame prayer before the start of the annual Holy Bowl on Friday at St. Mary's.

## SB 24:

SB 24 is now up for a vote in the California Assembly. Let your Assembly Member know there is no need for these services on campus and that you oppose this one-sided bill. Where is the assistance for women who want to choose to keep their babies? Why have the legitimate concerns of college health providers been ignored? Ask your Assembly Member for their NO vote on SB 24. For more information you can visit [our website](#) or visit the California Catholic Conference's informational link [here](#).

## 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:

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](#) or contact the Development Office at 209-466-0636.

## Upcoming Events:

**September 9:** Scripture Institute Course

**September 14:** On Fire Nor-Cal Jam

**September 15:** Catechetical Sunday

**September 15:** Cathedral Concert Series (Annunciation)

**September 20:** Parish Fall Festival (Presentation)

**September 20-22:** Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Spanish)

**September 21:** Parish Festival (St. Mary's Oakdale)

**September 21:** Parish Festival (All Saints)

**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 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

## 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.

## Ministry to Priests:

Annual All Clergy Day – All Clergy Day will take place October 28, 2019 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm at St. Frances of Rome's large hall in Riverbank. The workshop, "Preaching, Pastoral Care, and the Church's End-of-Life Tradition" will be given by the Catholic Health Association. Please arrive by 9:30 am for sign-in and coffee. The \$30 registration fee covers materials and lunch. Register [here](#).

## 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.

## Vocations:

You are invited to the Blessing of St. John Vianney House, 4101 N. Manchester, in Stockton on September 15, 2019 from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Bishop Myron J. Cotta will do the blessing at 5:00 pm. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. RSVP to Fr. Cesar Martinez, Director of SJV House at [vocations@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@stocktondiocese.org).

**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)

**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**