



# WEEKLY Diocesan Update

16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

**WALK**  
for **LIFE** WEST COAST 2020

Save the Date: January 25th - SF Civic Center

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO ON WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2020](#)

FOR MORE RESPECT LIFE INFO & PRAYERS GO TO:  
[stocktondiocese.org/life-and-dignity-ministry](http://stocktondiocese.org/life-and-dignity-ministry)

## Upcoming Events:

**January 18:** Annual Stanislaus County Blue Mass

**January 21-29:** 9 Days for Life

**January 22:** Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**January 25:** 16th Annual Walk for Life West Coast

**February 8:** Relentless Catholic Family Conference: "All Things New"

**March 11:** Reboot! Turlock with Chris Stefanick

**April 25:** Familia Católica: Regresa a Tus Raíces

**July 11:** Sanctus Cup 3: Young Adult Event (St. Stanislaus)

## Photo of the Week:

Walk for Life West Coast San Francisco is on January 25, 2020. For more information visit our website and checkout our banner at the top of the homepage!

## Special Announcement:

The Pastoral Center will be closed beginning January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King's Birthday. We will reopen January 21, 2020.

## Office of the Bishop:

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

**A Message from Bishop Cotta** – I invite you to view this [website](#) and to share this information with your parish community. Each year Churches gather to pray together for the full unity which is Christ's will "that all may be one", as he and the Father are one. As we gather once again and pray in the hope of Christian Unity, may our actions and prayers embody the true peace, reconciliation, and unity which is to be found where God dwells.

During the spring of this year, I and Deacon Tom Ciccarelli, the Diocese liaison for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, will be meeting with others to organize and restructure this important ministry. This will assist in educating and raising the awareness in reaching out and dialoging with other Christian denominations and those of other faith traditions. A good resource in regard to Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs can be found on the Diocesan website.

**Catholic Rural Life** – This month's Catholic Rural blessing is the blessing of silence and rest. The start of a new year: a time to renew and get back on track. But before carrying out our resolve for the year, it serves to remember that rest and silence are also valuable. To read the blessing for the month of January please [click here](#). For more information about Catholic Rural Life please visit our [website](#).

# Evangelization and Faith Formation

**Catechist Specialization** – We will be offering the Catechist Specialization sessions in two locations. St. Jude Parish, Ceres beginning on January 13, 2020 in Spanish from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Church of the Presentation January 22, 2020 in English from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. For more information contact Leticia Rodriguez at 209-466-0636 ext. 621 or via email at [lrdriguez@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:lrdriguez@stocktondiocese.org).

**Effective Communication and Supervision for Parish Leaders** – Place: St. Joseph Parish, Modesto. Registration fee: \$10.00. Lunch included. Registration deadline is January 13, 2020. For more information call Graciela Garza-Ayala 209-466-0636.

## Finance

The annual audit report on the operations of the Pastoral Center was recently completed and can be located on our website at this [link](#).

## Human Resources

We are very happy to announce the hiring of a new Director of Development for the Diocese of Stockton. Stacy Welin-Erickson comes to us from Dignity Health/St. Joseph's Medical Center where she worked in Development holding the position of Manager of Major Gifts. Prior to that she worked as the Assistant Dean for Advancement in the Development Department at University of the Pacific. Stacy graduated from UOP with a degree in Communications and emphasis on Public Relations. We are very excited to have Stacy join our team.

## Life and Dignity Ministry

**Save the date:** Saturday, January 25, 2020. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual West Coast Walk for Life. For more information please [click here](#).

**9 Days for Life** – January 21– January 29. Pray to Protect Human Life! Sign up for daily prayers sent January 21-29 by email or text message, or get notified when the app is updated! Visit our website and click on the banner on the homepage for more information.

**Save the date: January 22. Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children** (designated by the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373, as a particular day of prayer and penance) liturgical resources including options for readings.

## Safe Environment

The Diocese of Stockton is taking an active role in educating the public and parishioners in regards to everything we are doing to maintain a safe environment for our children and vulnerable adults. This Month looks at how the Catholic Schools Office is taking an active role in contributing to a safe environment for all. Please [click here](#) to see this month's edition.

## Office of Worship

**Liturgical Reminder** – Resources for celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time- January 26, 2020) from the FDLC are available [here](#).

**Recommendations** – Bishop Cotta has made recommendations for our celebrations during flu season. See the memo at this [link](#).

Visit our [website's calendar](#) for full details about upcoming events

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