



# 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](#)

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[stocktondiocese.org/life-and-dignity-ministry](http://stocktondiocese.org/life-and-dignity-ministry)

## Upcoming Events:

**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!

## 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 –

Dear People of God,

As I prepare to depart for Rome for the visit “Ad Limina Apostolorum” with my brother bishops of Region XI, including the Dioceses of Reno, Las Vegas and Honolulu, I ask you to pray for us to have a safe journey to the Eternal City.

The principal moments of the “ad Limina” visit are:

- the pilgrimage to and veneration of the tombs of the Princes of the Apostles, St. Peter - Mass at the Basilica of St. Peter, and St. Paul - Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls; plus Mass at St. John Lateran and Mass at St. Mary Major.
- our meeting with the Holy Father will take place on January 27;
- our meetings with the Dicastries of the Roman Curia will take place from January 27 – January 31.

The majority of us will be staying at the North American College. While in Rome, I am looking forward to visit with our brother, Fr. Larry Machado. Also, I am anticipating some fraternal “downtime” with some of the brothers during this time away. I will be returning on February 5.

Once again, please keep me in your prayers as I will remember you, the Clergy, Religious and the people of our Diocese of Stockton in my prayers at the holy sites in Rome.

In the Peace of Christ,

Bishop Myron

**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](#).

## 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](#).

## 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.

## Vocations Ministry

March 8-14 is the celebration of Catholic Sisters Week. You are encouraged to pray for more vocations to Religious Life and find creative ways to recognize and learn more about Catholic Sisters. There is a role for everyone in Catholic Sisters Week: individuals, groups and organizations, families, parishes and schools. Visit the Catholic Sisters Week website [www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org](http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org) and make a plan to celebrate Religious Sisters Presence in your parish and school. For more information contact Sr. Wanda Billion, Office of Vicar for Religious Women, in the Dioceses of Stockton, 209 466-0636.

## 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.