



WEEKLY Diocesan Update



Photo of the Week:

Walk for Life West Coast San Francisco was on January 25, 2020. The picture above is a group from St. Bernard's attending the event.

Office of the Bishop:

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

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](#).

Family and Respect Life:

This year's National Marriage Week with a theme of "Stories from the Domestic Church" will be celebrated the week of February 7-14. This annual observance is a great opportunity for us to reflect on the gifts and witness that married couples bring to our Church and our communities. May it also be a call to all married couple to focus on building strong marriages. Check out [ForYourMarriage.org's](#) National Marriage Week Page for great resources.

In addition, you are invited to join us in prayer for marriage and families on Wednesday, February 12 at 3:00 pm EST: Live Rosary for Married Couples and Families on the USCCB Facebook Page.

Upcoming Events:

January 21-29: 9 Days for Life

February 1-2: Curso Biblico

February 5: Family Adoration in the Church

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

February 7-14: National Marriage Week

February 29: Mass of Anointing at St. Joseph's Church

March 11: Reboot! Turlock with Chris Stefanick

March 17-18: Lenten Mission at St. Joseph's

April 25: Familia Católica: Regresa a Tus Raíces

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

Life and Dignity Ministry

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.

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

Discernment Gathering – Do you know of an adult male who may be interested in becoming a Catholic priest? If so, please invite him to our next Discernment Gathering on February 16, 5:00 pm at the JV/Newman House, 4101 Manchester Avenue, Stockton. A light dinner will be offered. For more information please contact Fr. Cesar Martinez, Director of Vocations at: vocations@stocktondiocese.org

Catholic Sisters Week – 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 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

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

World Day of the Sick – Please join Bishop Cotta for Mass commemorating the World Day of the Sick, with the opportunity for the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, at the Cathedral on Saturday, February 8th, at 10:00 am.

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

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