

Diocesan Events

1. **OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** is September 16, 2018. This year's theme is "Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ." On Catechetical Sunday those who have been designated by the community to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Whether you are planning to celebrate during or outside of the Mass, the USCCB website has resources for commissioning services. Some material is also in Spanish. Go to <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/>. If you have questions or need help, please contact the Office of Religious Education at 209/466-0636.

2. **Parish Offertory Regional Meetings – Workshop 2: All Pastors, Priests, & Parish Offertory Committee Members** need to attend in order to understand and follow the Offertory Program. All meetings are available in English and Spanish. All pastors will receive an e-mail with an electronic registration form to be returned to Alicia Alcantara, aalcantara@stocktondiocese.org by **September 14**. To access the Registration Form (included in Workshop 1 packets), please click [here](#):
 - **Tuesday, September 25** at Presentation Church, 6715 Leesburg Place, Stockton (9:30 – 11:00 am, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm, and 6:00 – 8:30 pm).
 - **Wednesday, September 26** at St. Frances of Rome Church, 2827 Topeka Street, Riverbank (1:30 – 3:00 pm, and 6:00 – 8:30 pm).
 - **Thursday, September 27** at St. Patrick Parish, 820 South Main Street, Angels Camp (10:00 am – 12:00 noon).

3. **V National Encuentro of Hispanic /Latino Ministry** – September 20-23 at the Gaylord Texan Resort Hotel and Convention Center in Grapevine, TX, more than 3,000 Hispanic/Latino Catholic leaders and others from almost every diocese in the country will gather for the V National Encuentro of Hispanic /Latino Ministry. The Encuentro process in the Diocese of Stockton has engaged more than 2,600 Hispanic/Latino faithful in reflection, dialogue, and consultation. 30 delegates from 13 parishes in the Diocese will be joining Bishop Cotta at this historical event for the Catholic Church. For information contact Digna Ramirez-Lopez, Director of Hispanic Ministry at (209) 466-0636. To learn more about the V Encuentro visit <https://vencuentro.org/>

4. **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship** – Monday, October 1, St. Francis of Rome, Riverbank. Two Presentations - **Clergy & Religious**, 9:30am – 12:00pm, **People of God (Laity)** 6:30 – 8:30 PM-English & Spanish. Bishop Cotta invites clergy, religious and laity to attend an important workshop on the document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." Considering the very divisive political climate of our day, Bishop hopes we will all take the time to educate ourselves as we fulfill our civic duty. Steve Pehanich, Director of Communications and Advocacy from the California Catholic Conference of Bishops will facilitate. To register email Patti Ianni at pianni@stocktondiocese.org. For questions or concerns call Msgr. John Armistead or Digna Ramirez-Lopez at the Pastoral Center: 209/466-0636.
 Download the promotional flyer:
[English: Faithful Citizenship](#)
[Spanish: Faithful Citizenship](#)



5. **Human Trafficking – Is Your Soul for Sale?** – Parents, Catechists, School Teachers (anyone who has or works with children) are invited to come and learn about the horrifying reality of human trafficking. Suzanne Schultz, San Joaquin County Family Justice Center, will present a comprehensive look at the dark world of the human sex trafficking industry in our community. You will learn how to recognize the signs of human trafficking, what to do if you suspect a child is a victim and how social media/phone apps are used to target our children. Stockton – Friday, October 5, 6:30 – 8:30pm, Annunciation Gym. Modesto – Thursday, October 11, 6:30 – 8:30pm, St. Stanislaus Gym. **ADULTS ONLY DUE TO GRAPHIC CONTENT.** RSVP required, visit <https://goo.gl/forms/4kDpl2W3Y8RXkHx23> to RSVP. Download promotional flyer: **[Parent Education on Human Trafficking](#)**

6. **LIFE & DIGNITY MINISTRY OFFICE** – Rachel's Vineyard Retreat (Spanish) September 22-24, (English) November 21-23. Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. The weekend offers 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. For Spanish Retreat details contact Gloria at 510/485-2574 or afterthechoice@oakdioadmin.org. For English Retreat details contact Kim Fuentes at 209/465-5433 or kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org. Flyers can be downloaded at www.stocktondiocese.org/project-rachel

7. **SCHOOL OF MINISTRY OFFICE** – New courses will start in September 2018. There will be two locations for the *Introduction to Theology for Ministry* courses. An English course at St. Michael's in Stockton on Thursday evenings, 7:00pm to 9:30pm, and a Spanish course at St. Anthony's in Manteca on Wednesday evenings, 7:00pm to 9:30pm. A *Scripture Institute* bible study course covering the *Old Testament* is scheduled to be held at the Ryan Center in Stockton on Monday evenings, 7:00pm to 9:30pm. For more information please contact Cynthia Chavez or Isela Quezada at 209-466-0636 or email som@stocktondiocese.org. To download the flyers please visit: <https://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/school-of-ministry/ministry-training/specialized-ministry-training/upcoming-training/>

Informational Items

1. **Whole Person Care Parish Representatives** – Pastors, if you have not already done so, please e-mail the name(s), phone number(s) and e-mail address(es) for your parish representative(s) to kfuentes@stocktondiocese.org. It is important to have every parish represented in the next phase of the planning process. For more information, contact Kim Fuentes at 209-466-0636.

2. In light of the recent news of abuse scandals within the Catholic Church many are experiencing a variety of emotions including anger, outrage, shame, and disheartening frustration. This is a time of crisis in which many people do not know what to think or do. The following link contains a list of resources provided by the USCCB Secretariat of Child and Youth Protection that may be helpful to you. Please share with those to whom these resources would be helpful: <https://stocktondiocese.org/resources-for-dealing-with-sexual-abuse-and-the-church/>

3. **2019 LTP (Liturgy Training Publications) Annual Material Sale** – The Pastoral Center Office of Worship is not able to offer the ordering of annual liturgical resources this year as we are currently without a Director of Liturgy and Worship. To order your annual supplies consider one of these local options: [Miracle on Main, Stockton](#) and [Cotter Church Supply, Modesto](#)

