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GOOD NEWS

Youth Congress 2009

The Office of Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministries invites young people to the Youth Catholic Congress 2009 to be held on **February 7 & 8 at Franklin High School**. It begins at 8:30 a.m. both days. The well known singer and musician Martin Valverde will be in concert together with Azenneth Gonzalez from “la Academia” in Mexico.

Bishop Stephen Blaire will preside at 11:00 am Mass on Sunday. For more information call Jose Lopez at 546-7632.

Praying through Lent



Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, February 25th. The diocesan website will have all Lenten regulations for fasting and abstinence. You can also find many Lenten Resources. Members of our diocesan Liturgical Commission have written reflections and there are internet resources listed.

www.stocktondiocese.org/english/liturgy/lent/resources.html

Seminarian UpDate

On January 27, 2009 Sam West was called to Candidacy at St. Patrick's Seminary. This means he is a candidate for the Transitional Diaconate, which will be the final step before ordination to the priesthood.

On February 11, 2009 Seminarian Ernesto Madrigal will be instituted as Reader at St. Patrick's Seminary.

From February to May, Seminarians Andres Garzon and Paul Nguyen will be attending an Intensive English Program at Monterey Institute in Monterey, CA.

RCIA Events

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009

Day of Reflection

Our Lady of Fatima – 9am-2:30pm

Sunday, March 1, 2009

Rites of Election

Cathedral of the Annunciation

1:00 pm Spanish Mass, 4:00pm and 7:00 pm Liturgy of the Word.

FUTURE EVENTS

Fireside Chats

Join in celebrating Bishop Blaire's 10 years of service as the Bishop of Stockton. He is holding “Fireside Chats” throughout the Diocese.

Monday, February 9, 2009

St. Anne, Lodi

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

St. Anthony, Manteca

Monday, March 2

St. Joseph, Modesto

Bishop Blaire's 10th

Anniversary Celebration:

Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 p.m.

Annunciation Cathedral, Stockton

Ministry Celebration Day

March 21, 2009



Plan to join hundreds of other Catholics for a wonderful day exploring and deepening faith together. This annual event offers many workshops and keynote addresses in English and Spanish. Bishop Blaire will celebrate Liturgy and several priests will be available for confession. Let this day deepen your practice of Lent. Call the Office of Religious Education for more information: 209/466-0636.

Save the Date!

The Form/Reform National Conference on Environment and Art for Catholic Worship will be held in San Jose, July 16-19.

If your parish is considering any building or renovation projects over the next five to seven years, this is an excellent opportunity for you and members of your parish to learn about the liturgical norms on worship spaces as well as meet Liturgical Consultants, Artists and Contractors and see some of their work. More information will be sent to parishes as it is available. For now, be sure to save the date!