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News

GOOD NEWS

*The wonder of a new year
beckons and all
our hopes are born anew.*

Bishop Blaire sends his blessing
for this new year of grace.

National Vocation Awareness - January 10 - 16

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, January 10-16.

Priesthood

Several initiatives to highlight priesthood and religious life are on-going in 2010. (<http://www.usccb.org/year-forpriests/>) The Vatican-sponsored Year for Priests continues through June 2010. Dioceses are highlighting the role of priests in diocesan newspapers, on their websites and with other events.

Religious Life

An exhibit on the contributions of women religious in the United States, *Women & Spirit*, opens at the Smithsonian institution, Washington D.C., on January 14. More information on this traveling exhibit can be found at www.womenandspirit.org. The Smithsonian is co-sponsoring this exhibit with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

"This week reminds us that it is our responsibility to pray for vocations and to invite young people to consider a call to ordained ministry and consecrated life." - Fr. David Toups

Walk for Life

6th Annual Walk for Life West Coast
January 23, 2010



St. Edward's Parish, 2009

Join more than 32,000 people by calling the Respect Life Office at 209/465-5433 or check the website:

<http://www.dioceseofstockton.org/english/ministries/Life/index.htm>

to ride one of the diocesan buses or see if your parish is providing its own bus. Last year 1,700 people (27 buses) from the Stockton Diocese walked for life. Join us this year!

English Youth Ministry Events

January 28, "Parents, Teens and Catholic Identity Rally", with Mike Patin at St. Bernard's, Tracy.

January 29, *Thriving in Ministry, Day of Reflection* with Mike Patin, Morello

Youth Center, Looms, CA.

February 22, *Effective Practices of Dynamic Youth Ministry* with Ann Marie Eckert, Elk Grove, CA.

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FUTURE EVENTS

RCIA Day of Reflection is Saturday, February 20 at Our Lady of Fatima. From 9:00 – 10:00 am is the Call to Continuing Conversion and from 10:30 am – 3:00 pm is the Day of Reflection in both English and Spanish.

Catholic Schools Week

January 31 - February 6, 2010

Ministry Celebration Day

The March 6, 2010 Diocesan Conference for all adults, *Ministry Day*, (MCD) will focus on the Word of God. The theme, 'Shepherd the Word' challenges us to look at all the areas of our lives and see where we find God's Word.

MCD offers over 65 workshops, and training sessions that will prepare us for ARISE in the Fall of this year *ARISE: Together in Christ* will use our Synod Goals and reflection processes to enable our parish communities to deepen adult faith.

Look for the MCD Registration Books in your parish, in the Chancery Office lobby or call Sr. Gloria DeJesús, 209-466-0636 for a copy.