

# DIOCESAN

## News

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## GOOD NEWS

### Year of St. Paul

On June 28, 2007 Pope Benedict XVI announced that the coming year will be dedicated to Saint Paul:

"I am pleased to announce officially that we shall be dedicating a special Jubilee Year to the Apostle Paul from 28 June 2008 to 29 June 2009, on the occasion of the bi-millennium of his birth, which historians have placed between the years 7 and 10 A.D." – *Pope Benedict XVI*

Resources are available on our diocesan website:

[www.stocktondiocese.org](http://www.stocktondiocese.org)

### Year of Saint Paul Leaflets

The Liturgy Office for the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has prepared a series of leaflets which offer a brief introduction to the letters of St. Paul as heard at Sunday Mass.

[www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Scripture](http://www.liturgyoffice.org.uk/Resources/Scripture)

### Other resources

<http://www.usccb.org/liturgy/stpaul/index.shtm>

<http://www.nccl.org/mc/page.do>

<http://www.dolr.org/offices/lrsslifeischristseries.php>

To suggest additional links, email your suggestions to [vmeagher@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:vmeagher@stocktondiocese.org)

### Newly Ordained

Congratulations to **Luis Gerardo Navarro Hernandez** and **Jose Luis Gutierrez Vasquez**, ordained to the priesthood in Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico by Bishop Blaire on July 13. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them with His love and wisdom. We will welcome them in our Diocese at Masses of thanksgiving: August 3, 10:30am, St. Luke, Stockton (*English*) and August 10, 1:00pm, Cathedral (*Spanish*)

### School of Ministry Offerings

The School of Ministry in partnership with Holy Names University, Oakland, will be offering a **Masters Degree Program as well as Certification in Pastoral Ministries.**

The **Basic Theology for Ministry Program** is an introduction to the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church primarily for anyone involved in parish ministry, though any Catholic will benefit from this program.

The **Scripture Institute** is an English program that leads Catholics into a deeper understanding of how to interpret scripture as the Catholic Church intends.

The **Institute for Catholic Spirituality and Spiritual Direction** is a two-year program that offers teaching in spirituality and spiritual direction through academic and experiential learning. For more information, call the School of Ministry, 209-546-7629 or 209-546-7630.

### Catholic Schools Open

eschool year begins for students on different dates in August. A meeting for Catholic school teachers new to the diocese is set for Monday, August 4. All teachers, principals, instructional assistants, office staff of our schools – Pre-K – 12 will gather for Mass, Service Awards, and a keynote address on Monday, August 25, at the Cathedral.

### 2008 Bishop's Awards

**Saturday, October 11, 2008**

(*New Date*) to be held at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Modesto. Bishop Blaire is pleased to announce the 2008 Honorees:

**Mike De Toro**

*Life of Community Service  
Church of the Presentation, Stockton*

**Betty Jean Bo (Posthumous)**

*Life of Faithful Service  
St. Anne Parish, Lodi*

**Sr. Christina Doona**

*Life of Religious Service  
Sacred Heart Parish, Turlock*

**Roberto Sepulveda**

*Life of Service to the Poor  
St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Manteca*

**Hugh and Joan Hart**

*Life of Youth Service  
St. Joseph Parish, Modesto*

## FUTURE EVENTS

**July 19:** Bike Blessing, 9:00am  
Cathedral of the Annunciation

**September 6:** Respect Life Annual Mtg. 8am - 1pm, focus on "The Sanctity of Marriage". For more information call: 209/465-5433.