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GOOD NEWS

Congratulations School of Ministry!

After a year long process of self-study and site review by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Commission on Certification and Accreditation (USCCB/CCA), the School of Ministry has been awarded reaffirmation of its accreditation for the Ministry Formation Program for the maximum seven year period.

The USCCB/CCA acknowledged the School of Ministry for maintaining high accreditation standards. "The Diocese of Stockton is enriched by the presence of your program and the participants whose current and future ministry will continue the mission of the Church with competence." (USCCB/CCA)

The commission also recognized Wanda Scheuermann and Fr. Gilberto Arango for the professionalism and collaboration that they bring to the participants and the instructional faculty of the program.

The School of Ministry offers courses for initial and ongoing formation and training to all those in parish ministry. The staff of the school is also available to assist parishes in their specific training needs. For information, call 546-7630.

Catholic Charities Sunday

Catholic Charities Sunday is May 15/16, 2010. With federal and state budget cuts and increasing needs of

poor and vulnerable individuals and families, your help is needed more than ever. Through your contribution Catholic Charities will be able to continue providing services to 70,000 vulnerable people of all ages, faith and ethnic groups. One hundred percent of your contribution stays in our diocesan community. Please plan to give generously.

2010 Bishop's Awards Saturday, October 16, 2010

The deadline for 2010 Bishop's Awards nominations has been extended to Thurs., May 13, 2010. To obtain a nomination packet, go the Diocesan website at www.stocktondiocese.org. Click on Development and follow the links to the nomination packet or sponsorship form.

The Bishop's Awards honors the Bright Lights in our Catholic Community. The proceeds of the event benefit SEEDS-Growing Faith Through Student Scholarships and Catholic Charities.

Catholic Communications Campaign Collection

This collection helps connect the world with God's Word. Please be generous. Half of this collection, to be taken on May 30/31, 2010, stays in our diocese and helps fund communications efforts like the Diocesan e-Newsletter. To sign up for the newsletter send your first/last name to: editor@stocktondiocese.org.

Ride Against Hunger

Food insecurity and hunger is a growing problem for local families. Former director of Catholic Charities, Richard Fowler, will be riding from California to Maine from May 27 - August 1, 2010 to raise awareness and collect donations for the hunger relief work at Catholic Charities. Please support his "Ride Against Hunger". For more information, contact Catholic Charities at 209-444-5900.

FUTURE EVENTS

Event to Celebrate Priests

The Vocations Office is sponsoring a Diocesan Praise Concert to celebrate the end of the Year for Priests. It will be a gathering of the entire diocese, a diocesan choir and a hand picked band. The event will take place at Victory Park in Stockton on Friday, June 18, 2010, 6-9 pm. More details to follow.

Retreat to Discern a Vocation to the Priesthood

SAVE THE DATE:
Saturday, August 7, 2010
"Lord, Give me a Generous Heart"

The Vocations Office announces a Retreat for men ages 18-45 who might be considering a Church Vocation as a Priest.

WHERE: Sisters of the Cross, Modesto. If you are interested, please call Fr. David Dutra: 209 451-3220.