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News

GOOD NEWS

SEEDS

"This is what we are about. We plant seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing they hold future promise."

Archbishop Oscar Romero

For 2007-08, \$136,500 in scholarships will be given to 187 students attending Catholic elementary schools in the Diocese of Stockton. There are three ways to give assistance for Catholic education in the Diocese and to support our students.

CHOICES is an endowment fund the interest of which annually assists families new to the Catholic school system. SEEDS Tuition Assistance Fund provides partial tuition grants to qualifying families. Interested donors are invited to join the Adopt-a-Student Program that pays the yearly tuition of particular students recommended by the Catholic school principals.

To learn more about applying for tuition assistance or making a contribution, please contact the principal of a Catholic School or go to:
www.stocktondiocese.org/english/education/schools/tuition.html

Seminarians

Pray for our seminarians. We have ten men at different stages of preparation for Ordination to the priesthood. The newest of these is Roberto Carols Mendez who is studying in Mexico City

Announcing!

The School of Ministry is starting the new Institute for Catholic Spirituality and Spiritual Direction program in September, 2007.

For more information, call Wanda Scheuermann at 466-0636 x 629 or e-mail:

wscheuermann@stocktondiocese.org

BMA News

The final result of the Bishop's Ministry Appeal is very good news. Thank you for your generosity.

Goal:	\$1,728,000
Total Given:	\$2,008,933
# of donors:	10,676
Average /donor:	\$177

Training: Catechetical Leaders

"Parishes should actively seek to identify potential parish catechetical leaders and provide them with opportunities to develop competence and skills..."

National Catechetical Directory

Catechists at Our Lady of Guadalupe began a new catechetical year through a special day of training and prayer on August 22. Sr. Gloria DeJesús served as facilitator for this event: 'Encountering the Living Christ'.

Implementing Synod Goals 3 and 6, the Office of Religious Education and the School of Ministry will offer the DRE Training Component in 2007-2008 academic year for new parish leaders charged with the ministry of catechetics. Eight persons

have signed up for this training that will take place once a month, beginning on September 4th, 2007.

FUTURE EVENTS

Deacon Ordination

On Saturday, September 8th at 10:00a.m. nine men from our Diocese will be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate at the Cathedral of the Annunciation. Everyone is invited to attend the ordination of the following men:

Thomas Anthony Ciccarelli, Sr.
James Thomas Johnson
Scott Alexander Johnson
Matthew Joseph
Michael Lawrence Kubasek
Denis Georges Monbureau
Mel Ruiz Tahod
Lance Jay Velez
Fred William Ybarra

Bishop's Awards Dinner

Please join Bishop Blaire and the people of the Diocese of Stockton on October 20th to celebrate the lives of this year's honorees.

Proceeds from this event support Catholic education through SEEDS and the works of charity through Catholic Charities. For more information, please call the Development Office at 472-1008.

Rise My People. Walk in the Light!

Saturday, March 8, 2008 is the date for the diocesan Ministry day, the annual Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Conference. Mark your calendar.