

# DIOCESAN

## News

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## GOOD NEWS

### Catholic Charities Sunday Collection Sets New Record!

The Catholic Charities Board of Directors and staff wish to express their deep appreciation to parishioners throughout the diocese who gave so generously on Catholic Charities Sunday, May 18, 2008. So far the collection received is \$175,708, which is \$31,857 more than last year. By your contribution you have provided hundreds of people *Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow*. Thank you!

### Faithful Citizenship

As you begin your preparation to vote this fall, allow the rich social teachings of our Church to inform your conscience. The US Catholic Bishops sponsor an effort to help Catholics learn more about what our faith urges us to consider as we act with civic responsibility. "Faithful Citizenship" is the name of this organization which has a web site of many helpful resources. You can download an extensive list of articles. Go to: [faithfulcitizenship.org](http://faithfulcitizenship.org)

### SEEDS grows and grows!

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the SEEDS Board of Directors, the generosity of donors, and the success of the Bishop's Awards Dinner, 106 families are receiving tuition assistance in the Catholic elementary schools of the diocese for the 2008-9 school year. A total of \$169,300

is being allocated among 179 students. Ten of these students are the recipients of a \$3500 tuition award through the ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM. Donations are accepted throughout the year and may be sent to the SEEDS Office in the Chancery Building at 1105 N. Lincoln Street, Stockton, CA 95203.

### Celebrating 10 Years with Bishop Blaire!

On Monday, March 16, 2009, Bishop Stephen Blaire will celebrate 10 years as our Bishop in the Diocese of Stockton. To mark this joyous occasion, he will be holding a series of 10 Fireside Chats throughout the Diocese beginning in October. Watch your parish bulletin for dates and locations. All are welcome!

### Liturgical Answers

**Q:** *What is the Roman Missal?*

**A:** The Roman Missal is the liturgical book that provides the texts and the rubrics (*directions*) for the celebration of Mass. For several years, the International Commission on English in the Liturgy has been working on updating the translation of the Roman Missal in English. Parts of this translation are complete, and other parts are still in process. We expect that the updated version of the Roman Missal could be in use in the United States as early as 2011. The Spanish edition of the Roman Missal was last translated in 1998, and we do not expect additional changes in the near future.

### NEW! eNewsletter

We now have a diocesan eNewsletter which offers more detailed information about what is happening in the diocese, including many parish events. Anyone can subscribe by sending a name and e-mail address to: [editor@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:editor@stocktondiocese.org)

### Liturgy Workshop

All are invited to participate in prayer, a keynote presentation and breakout sessions in the areas of Music, Eucharist, the Word of God, Hospitality, and Altar Serving, on Saturday, September 20 at St. Frances of Rome, 2827 Topeka Street, Riverbank, from 9:00am – 12:30 pm. Registration will begin at 8:30 am.

Rev. J. Philip Horrigan, and Val Bartlein will headline our exciting morning. All

who serve as liturgical ministers or are interested in doing so are encouraged to come. Cost is \$12 per person, or \$10 per person if six or more people from the same parish register together. Registration forms can be found at [stocktondiocese.org/english/liturgy/index.html](http://stocktondiocese.org/english/liturgy/index.html). For more information contact Virginia Meagher at (209) 466-0636.

### 2008 Bishop's Awards

Saturday, October 11, 2008 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Modesto.

