



Diocesan Events

- 1) **Pastoral Hispana Meeting** – Friday, October 16, 2009 – 10:00 AM to 12 PM – Conference Room, Center for Ministry.
- 2) **Bishop's Awards Dinner** – Saturday, October 17, 2009 – 6:30 PM Reception-7:30 PM Dinner – Church of the Presentation, Stockton.
- 3) **Diocesan Vocations Board Meeting** – Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – 1:45 PM to 3:15 PM Conference Room, Center for Ministry.
- 4) **Diocesan Liturgical Commission** – Wednesday, October 21, 2009 – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Conference Room, Lacey Building.
- 5) **Parish Dialog with Catechists** – Saturday, October 24, 2009 – 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM (**English**) and from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM (**Spanish**) – St. Jude's, Ceres.
- 6) **Priesthood Sunday** – October 25, 2009.

Informational Items

- 1) **Theology and Health Care Workshop on the H1N1 Virus** – For Clergy and Parish Nurses - Tuesday, October 20, 2009 – 7:30 to 9:30 AM – Begins with breakfast - Saint Joseph's Medical Center Auditorium Basement, 1800 North California ST, Stockton – This workshop will give attendees:
 - Resources and help to create and maintain a caring response to those infected by H1N1.
 - Ways to partner with St. Joseph's to honor the Church's beliefs at the time of illness and death.
 - Help in preventive medical instruction and information.
 - Networking within the community among those concerned about healthcare issues.
 - How to help those in your parish who are uninsured, under-insured, at-risk or who are immigrants who might be slow to seek help.

Registrations can be made by calling the Spiritual Services voicemail at 209.461.5371. Leave name, phone number, and parish.

2) **Blessing of the Priest on Priesthood Sunday**

To be used by all parishes in the Diocese of Stockton, at all Masses, on Sunday, October 25, 2009. The "All" portion should be published for the entire community to recite together.

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Member of the Pastoral Council:

As we celebrate Priesthood Sunday, it is a good time to remember all that the priests in our lives have done for us, our families and communities. At this time, we would like to take the opportunity to bless Father _____ in a particular way for his ministry here in our midst. I invite you to raise your arms in blessing with me, and to recite the prayer of blessing together.

All:

Holy and loving Father,
to form your people
you appoint ministers of Christ your Son
by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Today, we offer you thanks for Father _____,
and for his service within our parish.
Bless him and renew deep within him the Spirit of holiness.
By the example of his life, may he inspire others.
Through the grace of the Holy Spirit,
may his preaching bear fruit in our hearts.
May he be a faithful steward of your mysteries.
May his presence in our community continue to lead all of us to you.
And may our love and support of him
strengthen him in his service to our parish.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Spanish:

Padre Santo y amable,
Para formar a tu pueblo
Escoges ministros de Cristo
Con el poder del Espiritu Santo.
Hoy te damos gracias por nuestros sacerdotes.
y por su servicio en nuestra parroquia.

Bendícelos y renueva en ellos el Espiritu de santidad.
Que con el ejemplo de su vida, puedan inspirer a otros.
Con la gracia del Espiritu Santo,
Su predicación de fruto en nosotros.
Que sean fieles servidores de tus Ministerios.
Que su presencia en nuestra comunidad nos guíe hacia ti.
Nuestro apoyo y amor por ellos
Les de fuerza para server aún más en nuestra parroquia.
Te lo pedimos por cristo, nuestro Señor.

Amen.

Sample Prayer of the Faithful for the Year for Priests:

For our priests, that they may guide the people of God with wisdom and courage.
We pray to the Lord.

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