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**Diocesan Events**

- 1) **Scripture Day** – Saturday, November 21, 2009 – 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM – St. Patrick Church, Sonora.
- 2) **Thanksgiving** – The Chancery Office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 27, 2009 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- 3) **DRE Specialization, Session IV** – Tuesday, December 1, 2009 – 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM – Center for Ministry Conference Room.
- 4) **Catholic Charities Board Meeting** – Wednesday, December 2, 2009 – 4:00 PM – Catholic Charities office.
- 5) **Diocesan Procession and Mass in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe** – Sunday, December 6, 2009 – Procession begins at 12:00 PM in front of St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Stockton – Mass begins at 2:00 PM at the Stockton Arena.

**Informational Items**

1) **Newly UPDATED Information on Health Care Reform**

Given upcoming Senate action, the bishops of the United States have asked that the **Updated** Nationwide Bulletin Insert on health care, found at [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare), be placed in every church bulletin and/or distributed in pews as soon as possible.

It is now critical that the Senate adopt the House-approved Stupak Amendment language that restricts federal funding for elective abortions and for plans which include elective abortions.

- 2) **Area Hospital Flu Guidelines** – Hospitals in the area have collaborated to implement the following flu season visitor guidelines:
  - Friends and family members not visit hospitals if they have flu-like symptoms such as cough, fever, runny nose, and sore throat.
  - Only two visitors per patient will be allowed.
  - Children under the age of sixteen (16) will not be permitted.
  - Pregnant women are at special risk and are also advised not to visit.
- 3) **Retreat Day with Reverend Ronald Rolheiser, OMI** – Saturday, December 12, 2009 – 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM – Our Lady of Fatima Church, Modesto – Sponsored by the Institute for Catholic Spirituality and Spiritual Direction of the Diocese of Stockton, the topic is “Sexuality and Spirituality: From Anxiety and Restlessness to Gratitude and Blessing”. The fee for the day is \$15. Bring your own bag lunch. To reserve a place send a check payable to Two Bears Dancing/ICSSD and mail to Margaret Shore, 1926 Colombard Circle, Lodi, CA 95240. Confirmation by email or phone. Contact Margaret at 209.368.5327.

***Sample Prayer of the Faithful for the Year for Priests:***

For our priests who have traveled far from home to minister among us, that they may be blessed for their generosity and that we may be enriched by their missionary spirit. We pray to the Lord.

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