



Diocesan Events

- 1) An **Effective Practices for Dynamic Youth Ministry Workshop** will be held on Friday, May 29, 2009 from 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM at the Church of the Presentation in Stockton. Lunch will be provided. This workshop is designed for pastors, coordinators of youth ministry, directors of religious education, volunteer teams, and parish staff. We will explore the qualities and dimensions of parishes with effective youth ministry and highlight areas of growth.

The cost is \$45.00 for the first team member and \$25.00 for additional team members. For more information contact Ann Marie in the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 466.0636 (ext. 633) or aavansino@stocktondiocese.org.

- 2) **Diocesan Liturgical Commission Meeting** - April 29, 2009 - 3:00 PM - Saint Bernard's Parish, Tracy.
- 3) **Priests' Retreat** - May 18-22, 2009 - San Damiano Retreat House - Registration forms must be returned to the Office of Pastoral Leadership Development by **May 4, 2009**.
- 4) The **DRE'S and Coordinators Networking Meeting** has been moved to Friday, May 1, 2009 from 9:30 to 1:30 PM. The hosting parish will be All Saints, Twain Harte. RCL/Benzinger will present their bilingual series and their new catechetical programs, focus on Sacramental Preparation.
- 5) The **Annual Saint Pius X Catechetical Awards Banquet** will take place at the Father Meyer Center at Saint Michael's on Monday, June 1, 2009. The Most Reverend Stephen E. Blaire will present the Catechetical Awards.

All paperwork, payment, and forms with awardees' names under each category must be sent to the Office of Religious Education no later than **May 11, 2009**.

Informational Items

Liturgical Note: As a reminder, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is permanently transferred from Thursday to Sunday in the Diocese of Stockton. This year, it will be celebrated on Sunday, May 24th. Thursday, May 21st can be celebrated as Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter, or as the Optional Memorial of Saint Christopher Magallenes, priest, martyr, and companions, martyrs.