



**Diocesan Events:**

- 1) **Young Ladies Institute Jubilee Mass and Luncheon** – Saturday, February 6, 2010 – 11:00 AM - Saint Anthony of Padua, Manteca.
- 2) **Young Adult Focus Team -Monday, February 8, 2010** – 6:30 to 9:30 PM – Saint Patrick, Sonora.
- 3) **Catholic School Principals' Retreat** – Monday and Tuesday, February 8 and 9, 2010 – San Damiano Retreat Center.
- 4) **Presidents' Day** – Monday, February 15, 2010 – Chancery Office closed.

**Informational Items:**

1) **Action Alert!**

Urge Congress to continue to work on genuine health care reform. USCCB leaders sent a letter to Congress encouraging them to "...begin working in a bipartisan manner...and...continue towards a solution that protects everyone's lives and respects their dignity." For more information, the following websites and contact information will be useful.

Read the full letter: [www.usccb.org/healthcare/HC-letter-to-Congress-012610.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare/HC-letter-to-Congress-012610.pdf)

Urge your parishioners to contact Senators and representatives today. For contact information: [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) . The Capitol switchboard number is: 202/224-3121.

Contact Kathy at [Saile@usccb.org](mailto:Saile@usccb.org) or visit: [www.usccb.org/healthcare](http://www.usccb.org/healthcare)

2) **PLEASE PUBLISH THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT IN YOUR PARISH BULLETIN**

Bishop Blaire acknowledges with gratitude the generosity of the people of the Diocese of Stockton. A check for \$320,000 has been sent to Catholic Relief Services for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. (This announcement was sent to your parish bulletin editor on Tuesday.)

- 3) **Confirmation Scheduling** – Confirmation information, both for 2010 and for scheduling of 2011, was sent to all parishes this week. Please carefully review the information. Remember that requests for dates for 2011 must be received by the Bishop's Office no later than Monday, February 22, 2010.
- 4) **Celebret Requests** – All Celebrets for priests and deacons will expire on March 1, 2010. Since celebrets are not needed for everyone, they are not produced automatically. If you would like a new celebret, please send your request to Sister Terry Davis, SND, at [tdavis@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:tdavis@stocktondiocese.org) **no later than February 19, 2010.**

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Please be sure you have a somewhat current photograph. This is especially important if the picture on the celebret does not match the one on your passport. A digital image is the best format for these and you can use the e-mail address above to send it. A print will work as well. Please send it to Sr. Terry Davis, SND, 1105 North Lincoln St., Stockton, CA 95203.

- 5) The following are the new members of the Presbyteral Council of the Diocese of Stockton. The term of the new council is from February 5, 2010 through February 4, 2014

President	Bishop Stephen Blaire
Members at Large	Father Ramon Bejarano Father David Dutra Father Michael Kelly Monsignor Ivo Rocha
Members by Age Group	Father Salvador Ledesma Monsignor Robert Silva
Members Appointed	Father Michael Brady Father Joseph Maghinay Monsignor Harmon Skillin
Ex Officio	Monsignor Richard Ryan
Executive Secretary	Father John Lindsay, O.S.F.S.
Observer	Sister Barbara Thiella, SND

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

For our priests who have dedicated themselves to God, that they may remain faithful to the promises they made on the day of their ordination. We pray to the Lord.

*We give thanks to God for Reverend José Rodríguez, ORC,  
who celebrates the anniversary of his ordination on February 21, 1992.*

Please send any questions and concerns to Ray Desagun: [rdesagun@stocktondiocese.org](mailto:rdesagun@stocktondiocese.org)