



Diocesan Events:

1. **2009 Vocations Mass and Dinner** information:

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

- Saint Anthony of Padua, Manteca
- Mass at 5:30 PM
 - Bishop Blaire, presider
 - Father David Dutra, homilist
- Dinner to follow - \$20.00 per person

The focus of the event is on young adults. The theme is:

“What’s in your future?”

Consider a Church vocation to the priesthood or religious life.”

Parishes are invited to sponsor a table for young men and women of their parish communities.

Contact Sister Wanda Billion, MSC, Diocesan Director of Vocations, at the Chancery, 466.0636, extension 619.

2. The next **Bishop’s Fireside Chat** is scheduled for

- Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 7 PM
- Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Turlock

3. The **Diocesan Pastoral Council** will meet on Saturday, January 10, 2009 at 9:00 AM at the Church of the Presentation, Stockton.

4. **Diocesan Youth Ministry Round Table Meetings** are scheduled for:

- Monday, January 12, 2009, at 6:30 PM at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish in Turlock
- Wednesday, January 13, 2009 at 6:30 PM at the Church of the Presentation in Stockton.

5. **Santo Nino Celebration** information:

- Saturday, January 24, 2009
 - Procession begins at 10:15 AM
 - Mass begins at 11:00 AM
- Cathedral of the Annunciation
- Lunch and Cultural Program at 12:15 PM

The deadline for placing ads in the souvenir program is Thursday, January 15, 2009. Please contact Rose Punzalon at rfsp@aol.com.

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Informational Items:

1. FOCA Postcard Campaign

The United States Bishops (Bishop's Committee on Pro-Life Activities) are promoting a postcard campaign to oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA). The target date they have set for the postcard signing event is the weekend of January 24-25, 2009. Individual parishes may choose to hold their signing weekend on a different weekend. Postcards and informational material will be sent to your Parish Respect Life Representative. We strongly encourage you to support the FOCA Postcard Campaign. The following pulpit announcement is recommended.

The United States Bishops are promoting a postcard campaign to oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA). FOCA poses the most serious threat to pro-life policies ever.

This bill would create a right to abortion the government could not limit and bring about a national abortion policy far worse than the United States Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision.

For the first time abortion would become an *entitlement* the government must fund and promote. Citizens would lose the freedom they now have to enact even modes regulation of the abortion industry.

Sign your postcards (state where the postcard signing tables are located) after Mass today.

For more information call the Respect Life Office at 209.465.5433 or go to <http://www.nchla.org/issues.asp?ID=50>

2. Walk for Life West Coast – January 24, 2009

Please continue to promote the 5th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in your parish.

Please send feedback to Ray Desagun: rdesagun@stocktondiocese.org