



DIocese of STOCKTON
1962 - 2012

GOOD NEWS

Celebrate our 50th!

The Diocese of Stockton was created on January 13, 1962 and we will celebrate throughout the year.

The Anniversary prayer, in English and Spanish will be given to pastors to distribute. Copies can also be found here: www.stocktondiocese.org/AnniversaryPrayer.

Women & Spirit:

Catholic Sisters in America is a traveling exhibition depicting the innovative, action-oriented women whose passion for justice helped shape our nation's social and cultural landscape. The untold story of these unsung heroes is now recounted, documenting a vital and significant perspective of American history. The exhibit runs from January 24 - June 3, 2012. There will be "free admission" on February 4, 2012 for those interested. Visit the website: <http://womenandspirit.org>

Celebrate Consecrated Life

The World Day for Consecrated Life is set for February 4-5 in the U.S.

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Prayers of the Faithful, a bulletin announcement and a prayer card for the World Day for Consecrated Life can be found on the U.S. Bishops' website at <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/consecrated-life/world-day-for-consecrated-life.cfm>.

2012 Bishop's Ministry Appeal

This year's appeal will be the week-ends of February 11-12 and 18-19.

Scouting

Recognition Ceremony

This year's Youth Recognition ceremony to honor Cub, Boy, and Girl Scouts, Venturing Crew members, and Camp Fire USA members will be held February 12, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Annunciation. All are invited. For more information and to have your scout recognized contact Mark Carter: 209/544-6359 or emblems@sdcc-scouting.org

Operation Rice Bowl

Operation Rice Bowl is a wonderful way for families to practice fasting and almsgiving during Lent. The electronic edition of the 2012 media kit includes two photo albums of high resolution photos, simple meals and the beneficiaries from the countries in this year's Lenten reflections and learning. Look here: <http://newswire.crs.org/operation-rice-bowl-media-kit-2012/>

ARISE

The week of Ash Wednesday celebrated on February 22, 2012 marks the start of the fourth ARISE small community reflections. The themes are reconciliation and healing, especially within the parish community.

Come and Celebrate

Over 1000 people are preparing for initiation at Easter. Pray for them during their Day of Reflection on February 25.

All are welcome to come celebrate the Rite of Election at the Cathedral of the Annunciation. The English celebrations are on February 26 at 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. The Spanish celebration is on February 28 at 7:00 p.m.

FUTURE EVENTS



Food Fast - March 3 & 4, 2012

Join Catholic Relief Services' hunger retreat for Catholic youth in the United States www.foodfast.org. For details about our local fast and an application to be a leader go here: www.stocktondiocese.org/YouthYAMinistry. The application for leaders is due February 13, 2012.