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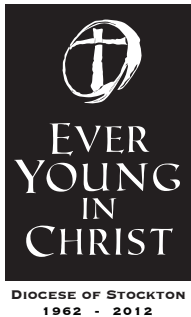
## GOOD NEWS

*The wonder of a new year  
beckons and all  
our hopes are born anew.*

Bishop Blaire sends his blessing  
for this new year of grace.

### Celebrate our 50th!

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



Bishop Blaire has chosen  
the theme “Ever Young  
in Christ” to focus our  
attention on the gift and  
potential of our youth and  
young adults to be leaders  
in the future of our local  
Church.

As one of the ways we will  
celebrate our anniversary, Bishop  
Blaire is proud to announce the spe-  
cial Honorees for the Bishop’s Awards  
Dinner in October. They are being  
honored for their many years of dis-  
tinguished service to the Diocese:

Sr. Gloria DeJesús, EFMS  
Marie and Bob Gallo  
Digna and Jose Lopez  
Deacon Jack and Jennie Ryan  
Msgr. Richard Ryan  
Paul Schaefer  
Tom Shepherd

### Confirmation Retreats

The Office of Religious Education  
will offer two retreats for parents of  
Confirmation Candidates and their  
sponsors: **January 14th, English  
and January 28th, Spanish**, at St.  
Anthony, Hughson. Call Sr. Gloria  
DeJesús, 466-0636 to register.

### National Vocation Awareness - January 9-15, 2012

This website offers many resources:  
[www.foryourvocation.org](http://www.foryourvocation.org)

### Walk for Life

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life West  
Coast - January 21, 2012**

Join more than 32,000 people by  
calling the Respect Life Office at  
209/465-5433 or check the website:  
[http://www.dioceseofstockton.org/  
english/ministries/Life/index.htm](http://www.dioceseofstockton.org/english/ministries/Life/index.htm)

## FUTURE EVENTS

### Bishop Blaire honors religious

To celebrate Consecrated Life Day  
on February 5, Bishop Blaire will  
host a gathering for Religious Priests,  
Brothers and Sisters on Wednesday,  
February 1, 2012 at the Convent of  
the Sisters of the Cross in Modesto.  
The Bishop will honor these religious  
or their service in our diocese.

### 2012 Bishop’s Ministry Appeal

This year’s appeal will be the week-  
ends of February 11-12 and 18-19,  
2012. With 34 parishes, 12 missions,  
85 priests, and hundreds of lay vol-

unteers, the Diocese of Stockton con-  
tinues to serve the spiritual needs of  
more than 217,000 Catholics every  
year. The Bishop’s Ministry Appeal  
affects thousands of people living in  
the Diocese of Stockton who benefit  
from the services offered by the min-  
istries. **The goal of the 2012 Bishop’s  
Ministry Appeal is \$2,100,000.**

### ARISE

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

### English Youth Ministry Events Scouting Recognition Ceremony

This year’s Youth Recognition cer-  
emony 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 be recognized  
contact Mark Carter: 209/544-6359  
or [emblems@sdccscouting.org](mailto:emblems@sdccscouting.org)



### Food Fast - March 3 & 4, 2012

Join Catholic Relief Services’ hun-  
ger retreat for Catholic youth in the  
United States [www.foodfast.org](http://www.foodfast.org). For  
details about our local 24 hour fast  
and the application to be a leader go  
here: [www.stocktondiocese.org/  
YouthYAMinistry](http://www.stocktondiocese.org/YouthYAMinistry). The application for  
leaders is due **February 13, 2012.**