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Office of Life, Justice & Charity
Diocese of Monterey



Diocese of Monterey Serra Ministry Conference March 1-2, 2024 Notre Dame High School, Salinas

We are excited about our upcoming Diocese of Monterey Serra Ministry Conference taking place March 1-2, 2024 at Notre Dame High School in Salinas!

The theme for this year's Serra Ministry Conference is the sending forth that concludes Mass, "Glorify the Lord by your Life." There are 168 hours in a week, and if Mass takes up one hour a week, how are we living the other 167 hours after we exit the church doors?

At this year's conference, we will be inspired to proclaim and live our Eucharistic life at all times. Join us!

More information and registration can be found online at: <https://www.tmconferenceservices.com/serra>.



February Highlights

February is Black History Month

- 2: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
- 2: World Day for Consecrated Life
- 2: National Tater Tot Day
- 7-13: National Marriage Week (Story on Page 3)
- 8: Boy Scout Day
- 9: National Pizza Day
- 10: White Mass for Medical Personnel (Story on Page 6)
- 10: Lunar New Year (Tet)
- 11: World Marriage Day (Story on Page 3)
- 12: Super Bowl Sunday
- 14: Ash Wednesday (Repent in the morning...)
- 14: Valentine's Day (... go on a date in the evening!)
- 16-19: Young Adult Retreat (Story on Page 5)
- 18: Second Collection for Black and Indian Missions
- 18: National Drink Wine Day
- 19: Presidents' Day Holiday
- 20: World Day of Social Justice
- 22: National Margarita Day (A bicultural celebration!)
- 22: Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
- 29: Leap Day (Make the extra day count!)

Green Parish is Back!

Greening the Parish



In light of Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, Laudate Deum, Bishop Garcia has asked us to take a fresh look at how our parishes and schools can be more environmentally sensitive. A big part of that review is for facilities that have not installed solar power to give it careful and prayerful consideration. New tax credits and other plans make solar power more cost-efficient than ever!

To help you understand all the options, and advantages and disadvantages for your particular situation, the diocese is once again partnering with Mynt Systems. Mynt will provide free energy audits and offer an objective review of your solar potential. Expect to hear from them soon to schedule a meeting with your leadership team.

*"It is no longer possible to doubt the human --
'anthropic' -- origin of climate change."*

*Pope Francis
Laudate Deum, para 11*

Care for Creation. Care for the Poor.



National Marriage Week and World Marriage Day



The observances of National Marriage Week (February 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. The theme for 2024 is “Love Beyond Words.”

The USCCB has created lots of great resources especially for National Marriage Week 2024:

- [At-Home Couples' Retreat in English and Spanish](#)
- [Posters in English and Spanish](#)
- [Social Media Graphics in English and Spanish](#)
- [Preaching Resources in English and Spanish](#)

Additional Resources can be found on For Your Marriage's [Celebrate National Marriage Week](#) page.

Radiate Love for World Marriage Day February 11



The bishops of California are dedicating the 2024-2025 pastoral year to helping the Catholic faithful renew and deepen our lived experience of the Sacrament of Marriage – which is modeled on the irrevocable covenantal love of God for his people expressed in the Eucharist.

The California Catholic Conference has prepared a variety of resources to help you Radiate Love in your parish: intercessions and other prayers, homily helps, bulletin inserts, and more. All those and more are available at the Radiate Love website: <https://radiatelove.info/>. Everything is available in both English and Spanish.

News from Catholic Relief Services



Operation Rice Bowl Kicks Off February 14

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and climate change, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Invite a CRS Global Fellow Speaker for Lent

Inspire your parish, school or community to practice the pillars of Lent this year in support of our sisters and brothers experiencing poverty. Invite a CRS Global Fellow to share about Catholic Relief Services' lifesaving work around the world—made possible by the prayers and support of communities like yours. See the attached flyers in English and Spanish, or visit <https://www.crsricebowl.org/> for more information.



Retrouvaille Retreat in Milipitas, March 1-3



The Archdiocese of San Francisco once again is opening its Retrouvaille retreat to attendees from the Diocese of Monterey. This Spanish-language retreat offers help and hope for couples who are struggling in their marriages. The retreat will take place in Milpitas March 1 through 3. See the attached flyer or email retrouvaillesfspanol@yahoo.com for more details and to register.

EPJ Retreat for Young Adults February 16-19 Mission San Antonio de Padua

The Diocese's Office of Youth Ministry is sponsoring a four-day retreat for young adults over Presidents' Day Weekend, February 16-19, at Mission San Antonio de Padua.

EPJ is a wonderful retreat in which young adults can pray, build community, and reflect about their relationship with Jesus and society.

There will be a \$100 donation that helps cover the cost of meals, room, and materials. To register, email Fr. Gerson Espinosa at gespinosa@dioceseofmonterey.org. See the attached flyer for more info.



White Mass Honoring Healthcare Providers February 10 Old Mission San Luis Obispo

The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) for the Diocese of Monterey is pleased to invite all healthcare providers (MD/DO, RN/NP, pharmacists, therapists, and others), families and supporters to the third annual White Mass.

Please join them at 5:30pm on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at Mission San Luis Obispo in San Luis Obispo, CA. Bishop Garcia will preside at the Mass. CMA encourages medical workers to wear their white coats (from which this Mass gets its name) and come for a special blessing of their healthcare vocation.

For additional information or to RSVP, please email CMA secretary Tiffany Magallanes at tmagallanescpn@gmail.com.



Foster Families Needed in San Luis Obispo County

The Family Care Network in San Luis Obispo County is searching for families willing to foster children, especially older youths and children with behavioral health needs. This could be a powerful witness for couples and families that are open to God's call to care for those most in need. See the attached flyer or <https://slofostercare.com/> for more information.



“Injustice in the Holy Land: Israel-Palestine and Catholic Social Teaching”

Many of us continue to grapple with the violence in Israel and Palestine. The Ignatian Spirituality Network has recorded a webinar to discuss the issue in depth.

Amid the current violence in Israel-Palestine, the webinar explores the deeper context and history that shape today's challenges—including the hardships faced by Palestinian Christians—and discusses how Catholic social teaching can inspire our efforts to advocate alongside Jews, Muslims, and others for a just peace for all people in the Holy Land.

The webinar is presented by Jordan Denari Duffner, Ph.D., an author, educator, and scholar of Muslim-Christian relations and Interreligious dialogue. Her books include Finding Jesus among Muslims and Islamophobia: What Christians Should Know (and Do) about Anti-Muslim Discrimination. She is an alumna of Brebeuf Jesuit and Georgetown University.

Double-click the image above, or go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UrE2qyWroHs&t=175s&ab_channel=IgnatianSolidarityNetwork to view the video.



Classes Available on Catholic Social Teaching

Deacon Warren is available to provide Social Justice classes to your parish groups. Classes may be on Catholic Social Teaching and the theology of justice, or specific topics such as Laudato Si and Environmental Justice, Restorative Justice, Racism, Catholic Advocacy and Voting Issues, or others by request. Contact him to set up a class in your parish!

“Faith and the Faithful in the 2024 Election: A Look Back, A Look Around, a Look Forward to November”

Georgetown University will present an online panel discussion on how faith can influence individual voters and the overall election, as part of its Initiative on Catholic Social Thought and Public Life. The dialogue will be on Tuesday, Feb 13, at 4PM Pacific Time. This will be an excellent opportunity for clergy looking for ways to answer parishioners’ questions, as well for lay people who want to learn how to use their faith as they vote. The session will be recorded and made available to all registrants, so people who can’t attend live can still watch if they’ve registered.



The 2024 United States elections will test our nation’s democracy and the religious faith of many voters. A divided nation will choose its leaders. Religious communities and voters will affect those choices in decisive ways. As the U.S. presidential campaign moves forward, “faith and the faithful” will help shape the debate, decision, and election outcomes. Candidates will be reaching out to particular communities. Religious voters will be considering how the issues and campaigns of 2024 might affect their voting decisions.

Five respected leaders and analysts will look back at the role of religion in the 2020 U.S. presidential election, examine its place in ongoing campaigns, and discuss the impact it is likely to have in November. They will explore questions such as:

- How do diverse people of faith view President Joe Biden, former President Donald Trump, and other candidates?
- What issues matter to Catholic, evangelical, Jewish, and Muslim believers, and particularly members of Latino and African American faith communities?
- How are political parties and presidential campaigns seeking to reach and persuade voters for whom faith is an important part of their lives?
- What issues matter most to particular religious voters?

What impact could faith and the faithful have in determining the outcome of the November elections?

Register at

<https://catholicsocialthought.georgetown.edu/events/faith-and-the-faithful-in-the-2024->



CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH RESTORATIVE PARTNERS CULINARY PROGRAM

The Culinary Training & Internship Program is the first of its kind in SLO County. We are proud to partner with Cuesta Community College to help formerly incarcerated individuals further their education by completing higher education and specializing in trades. Education builds confidence within each individual and offers them the ability to excel in their area of interest. We are forever indebted to the many local businesses who support our programs and hire our clients with enthusiasm.

Our Re-Entry Services make this all possible

The Restorative Partners Drop-In (Reentry Resource) Center acts as a hub for our justice-involved clients to access resources and to meet with RP System Navigators who assist clients with assessing their needs, developing short and long term goals and providing advocacy and support. Together, they create short and long term goals that help the client toward a warm reentry into our community. System Navigators bridge the gap between client needs and community resources creating a network of support for successful re-entry. Additionally, System Navigators offer workshops on healthy habits, writing resumes, job search, educational registration, and more.



Our Re-Entry Resource Center

Thomas's Story

Thomas, a 45 year old male parolee, came to Restorative Partners after serving 20 plus years in prison. With the assistance of the RP



System Navigator, he enrolled in the Culinary Certificate program. Eighteen weeks later, Thomas graduated with a Culinary Arts certificate and was employed as a Line Cook with a prestigious restaurant located in San Luis Obispo. Congrats, Thomas!



Congrats to our most recent graduates!
December 14, 2023

Happy New Year from Restorative Partners & The Bridge Café Team!



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Cozied up at home and craving a warm meal? Our new delivery service has you covered! You now don't have to leave the warmth of your own home to enjoy a delicious meal from SLO's first Social Enterprise, The Bridge Café. Place your order online at www.thebridgecafe.org and select delivery at checkout. Thank you for your ongoing support!




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Glorify the Lord by your life
Glorifica al Señor con tu vida

Join hundreds of Catholic educators and ministers from throughout the Diocese of Monterey for fun, learning and worshipping together at the 1st Annual Serra Ministry Conference, March 1-2, 2024, at Notre Dame High School in Salinas! With "Glorify the Lord by Your Life" as our guiding theme, we'll have top presenters offering reflections on:

- Catholic spirituality and traditions
- Teaching our faith in the classroom and with our lives
- Ministering to our neighbors, brothers and sisters

For more information and to register:

<https://www.tmconferenceservices.com/serra>

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL
Salinas

MARCH 1 & 2, 2024





*Glorify the Lord by your life
Glorifica al Señor con tu vida*

¡Únete a cientos de servidores, educadores y ministros católicos de toda la Diócesis de Monterey para divertirse, aprender y juntos adorar a Dios en la 1º Anual Conferencia Ministerial Serra, del 1 al 2 de marzo 2024, en la escuela preparatoria Notre Dame en Salinas! Con nuestro lema "Glorifica al Señor con tu vida." Contaremos con presentadores de primer nivel que ofrecerán reflexiones sobre:

- Espiritualidad y tradiciones católicas
- Enseñar nuestra fe en el aula y con nuestra vida.
- Ministrar a nuestros vecinos, hermanos y hermanas.

Para obtener más información e inscribirte, visita:

<https://www.tmconferenceservices.com/serra>

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL

Salinas

1al 2 de marzo de 2024



¿QUIERES SALVAR TU MATRIMONIO?



Con Retrouvaille hay esperanza de sanar, perdonar y restaurar su relación. Dense la oportunidad de vivir con Retrouvaille San Francisco-Español un fin de semana en pareja y descubrirán que todavía vale la pena luchar por su matrimonio.

Nuestro fin de semana se llevara acabo los días 1,2 y 3 de marzo del 2024 en Milpitas California.
Para más información comunícate con nosotros al **(510)395-5077** ó **(510) 626-7698**

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ANIMENSE, SE MEREcen UNA NUEVA OPORTUNIDAD!!



EPJ Bilingual Retreat



Young Adults (Ages 18 to 35)

Join us and be part of this beautiful experience of prayer, formation, and community life.

EPJ is a long weekend experience that combines prayer, formation, and community life focused on young adults and how they build a relationship with Jesus through prayer and testimony.

\$100 (includes room, food, and materials)

**Friday, February 16 to
Monday, February 19
(Presidents Day)**

Mission San Antonio de Padua
Only 35 spots available

Registration: gespinosa@dioceseofmonterey.org



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Mathew 25:40



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Invite a CRS Global Fellow Speaker for Lent

Bring Lent to life for your faith community by learning how your CRS Rice Bowl participation makes a difference for our global family.

Inspire your parish, school or community to practice the pillars of Lent this year in support of our sisters and brothers experiencing poverty. Invite a CRS Global Fellow to share about Catholic Relief Services' lifesaving work around the world—made possible by the prayers and support of communities like yours.

CRS Global Fellows are priests and deacons who have witnessed the work of CRS and share their experiences with communities in the United States. They meet people in countries like Kenya, Guatemala and Haiti who are working to lift themselves out of poverty and help their families and communities thrive. CRS Global Fellows also travel throughout dioceses across the country to share these stories and show how your participation in CRS Rice Bowl is answering Christ's call to help those most in need.

CRS Global Fellows:

- ☐ Share powerful stories of faith in action.
- ☐ Do not take a second collection and do not cost any money to host.
- ☐ Offer bilingual presentations.
- ☐ Can celebrate Mass as a substitute for your parish priest.

Learn how your prayers and gifts help families access nutritious food, train farmers in innovative techniques that increase harvests and restore the land, educate young people to have sustainable livelihoods and more.



Photo by Karen Kasmauski for CRS

Host a CRS Global Fellow!

Email globalfellows@crs.org to schedule your CRS Global Fellow this Lent.

"Deacon Omar helped parents and students understand the importance of CRS Rice Bowl. He showed sensitivity with the use of personal examples from his childhood and adulthood."

Corinne Pierson, St. Louise de Marillac, California

Invita a un Colaborador Global de CRS como orador para la Cuaresma

Escucha testimonios de primera mano sobre la diferencia que marca Plato de Arroz de CRS en nuestra familia global.

Esta Cuaresma, invita a un Colaborador Global de CRS a compartir con tu parroquia, escuela o comunidad, sobre la obra que realiza Catholic Relief Services para defender la vida y promover el desarrollo integral de las personas.

Los Colaboradores Globales son sacerdotes y diáconos que han sido testigos de la labor de CRS y comparten sus experiencias con las comunidades en los Estados Unidos. Ellos conocen a personas de países como Kenia, Guatemala y Haití que trabajan para salir de la pobreza y ayudar a sus familias y comunidades a prosperar. Los Colaboradores Globales viajan a diferentes diócesis para contar cómo tu participación en Plato de Arroz de CRS es una manera en que respondes al llamado de Cristo de ayudar a los más necesitados.

Los Colaboradores Globales de CRS:

- Comparten conmovedoras historias de fe en acción.
- Van tu parroquia o escuela sin ningún costo.
- Ofrecen presentaciones bilingües.
- Pueden celebrar la misa en sustitución de tu sacerdote.

Conoce cómo tus oraciones y ofrendas ayudan a las familias a tener acceso a alimentos nutritivos, capacitan a los agricultores en técnicas innovadoras para cultivar, forman a los jóvenes para que tengan medios de vida sostenibles, y mucho más.

Envía un correo electrónico a globalfellows@crs.org para recibir más información.



Foto de Karen Kasmauski para CRS

“El diácono Omar ayudó a los padres y a los alumnos a comprender la importancia de Plato de Arroz de CRS. Mostró sensibilidad con el uso de ejemplos personales de su infancia y su edad adulta.”

Corinne Pierson, St. Louise de Marillac, California

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