



# DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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To: **PASTOR / PASTORAL STAFF / BULLETIN EDITOR**  
From: Deacon Kevin Staszko, Director  
Re: Please add these announcements to your website or bulletin (**English and Spanish Translation**)  
Date: **Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Included are new and current announcements from the Office of Family, Faith Formation, and Young People. We would greatly appreciate if you could add these announcements to your website or online bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Do (916) 733-0151.

<b>New</b>	<b>Jubilee Year   Pilgrims of Hope – Theme 1: To See God</b>
English	
<p>Previously, we considered hope as something that we might feel as a passion or emotion. But hope is not just a feeling, but also a virtue, and along with faith and charity, it is one of the three theological virtues. The virtue of hope is a capacity in our soul that continuously reminds us of our future life in heaven. It is a habitual recognition that the promise of eternal life makes the daily obstacles of life seem surmountable. Hope is the reason why we continue to follow the Lord, even if we do not see him as the Apostles saw him. In one of his magnificent poems, St. Thomas Aquinas—playing on his own namesake, Thomas the Apostle—wrote, <i>“I am not like Thomas, wounds I cannot see / But can plainly call thee Lord and God as he.”</i> The hope to one day <i>“see him as he is,”</i> with the same hands and feet that were pierced for our salvation, strengthens us in our earthly trials until we see the Lord face to face.</p>	

<b>New</b>	<b>Training Opportunities for Marriage Preparation &amp; FOCCUS Facilitators</b>
English	
<p>Are you involved or wish to be involved in Marriage Preparation &amp; Enrichment ministry? The Diocese of Sacramento invites you to join us at our trainings for Marriage Prep &amp; Enrichment and/or FOCCUS Facilitators. The next trainings (in English) will be on <b>Saturday, April 5, 2025</b> at St. Joseph Parish in Redding: 9:00am-12:00pm – Training for Marriage Prep/Enrichment 1:00-4:00pm – Training for FOCCUS Facilitators</p> <p>Please save the date for the Spanish trainings scheduled for Saturday, April 12, 2025 at St. Dominic in Orland. For more info, please contact Andreyra Arevalo <a href="mailto:aarevalo@scd.org">aarevalo@scd.org</a> (916) 733-0155</p>	

<b>New</b>	<b>Save-the-Date: Gabriel Project – Calling All Angels</b>
English	
<p>We would like to invite you to mark your calendars for the following Gabriel Project Regional Meetings:</p>	

Sacramento Area Meeting:  
Saturday May 16, 2025, 10am  
Pastoral Center | Sacramento Catholic Diocese  
2110 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818

Solano County Area Meeting:  
Saturday, May 24, 2025, 10am  
Place: TBD

Would you like to start a Gabriel Project at your parish?  
Would you like to be involved as a volunteer for the Gabriel Project?  
Your invited to attend either of these meetings to find out more!

This will be an opportunity to meet and greet all those involved in the Gabriel Project and answer questions for prospective angels. There will also be a listening session to get your feedback on what has been going well, what has been barriers, and how we can better support your ministry. Let's together explore ideas about partnering with other ministries in the church, fundraising, working together as a team to accomplish goals, updating the Gabriel Project Manual, and a basic outline for suggested strategies in the accompaniment of pregnant moms through their pregnancy and beyond. Please RSVP when you receive Flocknotes RSVP email. For questions, please contact: Marisela Franco [mfranco@scd.org](mailto:mfranco@scd.org)

**New**

### **Bereavement Ministry Support Meeting**

English

The St. Joseph's Bereavement Ministry Support Panel is inviting all Sacramento Diocese Bereavement Ministers and those who would like to become a trained minister to attend our next meeting on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at Holy Spirit Parish, 3159 Land Park Dr, Sacramento. Vigil Mass will begin at 4:00pm followed by the meeting in the McHugh Hall at 5:00pm.

The topic of reflection will be on **"Compassion & Replenishing"**. We will share and discuss information relating to compassion fatigue, the importance of self-care, & coping skills to replenish your cup. Consider starting a bereavement support group at your parish. For further questions, please contact: Marisela Franco [mfranco@scd.org](mailto:mfranco@scd.org)

### **The 40 Days For Life Spring Campaign**

English

Now that we are in the season of Lent, the **40 Days For Life Spring Campaign** is currently happening between now thru **April 13, 2025**. We invite you to **join us** to pray peacefully with others in your community and to support moms and their children through ministry during this critical period of life. If you'd like more information and if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Deacon Danny at (916) 733-0133 or visit our website at: <https://www.scd.org/40DaysForLife> All are welcome.