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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
Date: **Monday, December 18, 2023**

Included are new and current announcements from the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. We would greatly appreciate it if you could add these announcements to your website or online bulletin. If you have any questions, please contact Jazmin Ortiz (916) 733-0123.

New	Those Who Saw Her
English	
Those Who Saw Her shares the latest developments, updates, and Church teachings on the apparitions of Mary. Let Mary's prophetic messages bring comfort and hope to your life in this thorough and compelling presentation of the extraordinary visits of the Blessed Mother to her children around the world. www.osvcatholicbookstore.com	

New	Speaking the Truth in Love
English	
The Sister Thea Bowman Group at St. Basil the Great Church in Vallejo was formed to share Black Catholic identity, culture, and spirituality with all who would like to know about Black contributions to the Church. Like Sister Thea, "we bring to America the sweet memory of Africa." The discussions will be presented virtually (via Zoom) every 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm PST. We have an amazing line up of speakers scheduled for 2024 – details to follow. All are welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Lois Williams Douglas theabstbasil@gmail.com	

Updated	ESPIRITU ADULT MINISTRY RESPECT LIFE DIALOGUE
English	
January 5, 2024 Holy Spirit Parish 3159 Land Park Dr, Sacramento, CA 95818. Espiritu the Adult Ministry Group at Holy Spirit Church will host its monthly meeting on Friday, in partnership with the Diocesan Office of Respect Life and Office of Youth & Young Adults. The event begins with Adoration at 6:00pm followed by presentation at 7:00pm. Two great guest speakers, Molly Sheahan (California Catholic Conference) and Caitlin Flock (Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home), will share on the impact of maternity homes in the lives of resident mothers and a conversation of prolife apologetics and how we can communicate our catholic belief and respect for life to the people of our time. Please join in this important dialogue and the friendship shared among the members of Espiritu. For more information visit Diocese of Sacramento Diocesan Events (scd.org) and Respect Life Diocese of Sacramento (scd.org) If you have any questions, please contact Steve Do at sdo@scd.org or Patrick McGinn, Espiritu Moderator, patrickmcginn1@gmail.com . Please see flyer for details.	

New

"FRIENDS" YOUNG ADULT RETREAT (AGES 18-25)

English

January 12-14, 2024

Marelo Youth Retreat Center in Loomis, CA

St. Joseph Marelo Parish is hosting a young adult retreat titled "FRIENDS". Based on the passage from John 15:15 where Jesus says, "I have called you FRIENDS", we all have a deep longing for friendship. God also desires friendship — for us and with us. So often, it is hard to find time and space for our friendship with God and for building our friendships with others. A retreat experience provides that time and space for intimate friendship with God – and for growth in friendship with others.

This retreat is open to all young adults between the ages of 18-25. For more info or to register, please contact Katerina Austin, Youth and Family Faith Formation Coordinator at St. Joseph Marelo, at sjmfamilyfaithformation@gmail.com. Please see flyer for details.