

May 5, 2025

Dear Youth Ministry Coordinators,

Wishing you God's blessings during this **Easter season** and as we continue to celebrate the Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope!

*Can you believe it?* It's already May and summer is just around the corner. As we prepare to wrap up the ministry year, I'd like to invite you to our **EOY Appreciation** on **Thursday, May 29 from 7:00-9:00pm** at Iron Horse Tavern Restaurant in Sacramento. It's our token of gratitude for all you do. We hope to see you there.

A friendly reminder that the **deadline for nominations for Youth On A Mission** is coming up! The last day to submit nominations is **Friday, May 16**. If you have high school teens that are serving in some way at the parish or within youth ministry, please consider nominating them to attend our NorCal youth leadership training. Please reference enclosed flyer or visit <u>yoamnorcal.weebly.com</u> for more info.

Lastly, we have many opportunities throughout our diocese to celebrate the Jubilee Year. We're excited to announce that Bishop Rey Bersabal is kicking off our cultural Mass series to celebrate and honor the diverse **API Catholic communities** in our diocese. The first Mass will be on **Sunday, May 25 at 2:00pm** at **St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova** with the **Indonesian Catholic community**. And of course, hopefully you've already marked your calendar for our big fall events and it's time to start planning for **ON FiRE - Jubilee for Young People** and **Ministry Days - Jubilee Day for Parish Leaders**. Some things to consider: *Have you budgeted for these events? Who are you bringing? Have you advertised this to your community? If adult chaperones are needed, have you discerned and invited them?* Don't wait until the last minute to think about these questions. Make a list, create a plan, and work the plan!

As we continue to celebrate the Easter joy, may your faith, witness, and service to young people fill their hearts with the love of Jesus Christ.