DIOCESE OF SACRAMENTO

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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

November 9, 2026

Dear Pastors and Parochial Administrators:

I invite you, your parish staff, and your parish pastoral councils to participate in our upcoming diocesan retreats, **"Put Out into the Deep: Follow Jesus' Call to Holiness." This is a practical follow-up to the discussions about promoting vocations during the priest study days in 2025. These retreats will implement the recommendations from study days.**

To ensure that parish communities become places where the young men and women encounter the living Christ, we offer two retreat opportunities. The goal is to introduce the vocation initiative to parish leadership and staff to encourage them to include more intentional vocation initiatives for the 2027-2028 Pastoral Year, July 1, 2027 to June 30, 2028.

- **A Virtual Gathering for Parish Pastoral Councils**
  - Thursday, January 14, 2027 | 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM
  - Online via Zoom *(link provided upon registration)*
- **An In-Person Retreat for Parish Staffs**
  - Friday, January 15, 2027 | 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
  - Holy Rosary Parish, 301 Walnut Street, Woodland, CA

Please save the dates. Share the dates with your staff and pastoral council. Registration details will be coming soon. If you or your team have any questions, please contact Deacon Kevin Staszkow at kstaszkow@scd.org or 916-733-0152.

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus said to Simon, "'Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch.' ... When they had done this, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them." (Luke 5:4, 6–7) The Lord is calling out to us and our parish communities to do the same. May we heed his voice.

Be assured of my abiding prayers and fraternal gratitude. May the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary guide us closer to the wisdom and mercy of her Beloved Son, Jesus.

Respectfully,

+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento

ANNUAL PARISH STAFFS RETREAT

Join us for a Day of Formation as we prepare for the 27/28 Diocesan Initiative:

Put Out Into the Deep: Follow Jesus' Call to Holiness

Friday, January 15, 2027
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Holy Rosary Parish
645 California St, Woodland, CA 95695

Register at https://www.scd.org/putoutintothedeep

Questions contact
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RETIRO ANUAL PARA PERSONAL PARROQUIAL

Acompáñenos a un día de formación donde nos prepararemos para la iniciativa diocesana del 27/28.

Remar Mar Adentro:

Sigan el llamado de Jesús a la Santidad

Viernes, 15 de enero de 2027
8:30 a. m. a 4:00 p. m.
Parroquia Holy Rosary
645 California St, Woodland, CA 95695

Regístrate en https://www.scd.org/putoutintothedeep

Preguntas: comuníquese con el diácono Kevin Staszkow en kstaszkow@scd.org

