Have you heard about Housing for the Harvest? I want to take a few minutes to share information about this new program.

Housing for the Harvest provides temporary hotel housing to farmworkers who need to isolate because of COVID-19.

Why is this important? By staying in a hotel away from others, you are protecting your family and co-workers from getting COVID-19.

Here’s how it works: The State will book hotel rooms in participating counties for workers for up to 14 days. Then, the State will work with our local people to manage the program.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton is managing this for our community.

They will:
- contact workers who need isolation housing
- verify participant eligibility
- provide services at the hotel site,
  - including transportation, meals and wellness checks
  - and make sure services are provided in the participant’s language

To qualify for a hotel room, participants must:
- Work in California food processing or agriculture
- Tested positive, or were exposed to COVID-19 as documented by a public health or medical health person
- Be unable to self-isolate at home

If you would like to learn more about this program, I can give you more information. Or, you can also call Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Stockton at (209) 469-1120.

Please know, you won’t be asked about your immigration status and all calls are confidential.