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On August 21, 2016, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington celebrates a Jubilee for Musicians at 3:00 PM at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, 20 Allen Street, Burlington. Come and join with music ministers from around our diocese to praise God in song. All music ministers: choir members, cantors, soloists and instrumentalists are invited to raise their voices in song. Hymns will include variety of styles from chant to contemporary folk, culminating in a grand finale of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah.

"When words come, they are merely empty shells without the music. They live as they are sung for the words are the body, and the music the spirit" (Hildegard of Bingen). Jerome Monachino, director of musical liturgy at St. Michael's College says, "Music is extraordinarily ordinary because it is infused with God's presence and God's grace."

The Jubilee for Musicians is one of 12 Year of Mercy jubilees hosted monthly by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington which began in December 13, 2015 with the opening of the Holy Door and will commence with the closing of the Holy Door, November 20, 2016. Pope Francis announced an extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy, saying he wants to make it evident that the Church's mission is to be a witness of compassion: "Let us not forget that God forgives and God forgives always," Francis said. "Let us never tire of asking for forgiveness."

For more information about the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington and the Year of Mercy please visit: [www.vermontcatholic.org](http://www.vermontcatholic.org).

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