

NEWS FROM The Inland See

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

June 16–22, 2018

An Update from the Office of *Evangelization, Catechesis, Marriage & Family Life*

Pope Francis calls for the Church to embark on a “path of pastoral and missionary conversion which cannot leave things as they presently are” (“*Evangelii Gaudium*,” 25). Specifically, he calls for the Church to raise up missionary disciples, filled with the joy of the Gospel.

Following are a few examples of the Diocese of Burlington’s efforts to respond to the Pope’s call.

Institute for Missionary Discipleship:

Lay Formation Program

Missionary disciples are men and women who know how to sit at the feet of Jesus (disciples) and are equipped and inspired to go out into the world (missionaries). The 22 men and woman from around the state in this inaugural two-year formation program are being formed with spiritual, intellectual and pastoral tools to take back to their parishes and ministries. Applications for the second class will be available in spring 2019.

Parish Staff & Volunteer Retreats

The past few popes have taken their Curia staffs for a week long retreat each Lent. Instructing the retreatants to leave their work at the office, the retreat gives them the opportunity to “come away for a time with the Lord.” This year the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis made this a possibility for our parish staffs and volunteers. Two retreat days were held, one at St Jude Parish in Hinesburg and one at Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Ludlow. Both retreats reflected on Pope Francis’ exhortation “The Joy of the Gospel” and how we are to live this joy as missionary disciples in our pastoral ministries. The retreats will become an annual offering.

Pre-Cana

The Church has called us to evaluate how we prepare couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. The Diocese has carefully prepared a new formation process designed to equip couples in the spiritual and human skills necessary for marriage in today’s world. One part of that shift was to move a portion of the formation to an online platform. Taking advantage of the next generation’s comfort with online learning and considering the fact that roughly 1/3 of the Catholic marriages in Vermont are destination weddings, this is a helpful approach. In addition, a retreat day is offered to the couples in order to give them the opportunity to set a foundation of praying and reading the Scriptures together. Couples receive a blessed Crucifix, and the Church’s formal “blessing for engaged couples.”

Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist

At the invitation of the Diocese, the Franciscan Sisters have established a mission presence in Vermont. This vibrant community of women, based out of Meriden, CT has a strong focus on bringing the sacred into the secular world. Their presence has already been a gift at the UVM Catholic Center, at numerous vocations events around the diocese and as a part of our new Diocesan Lay Formation Program. In addition to their primary ministries, the sisters are available to speak at

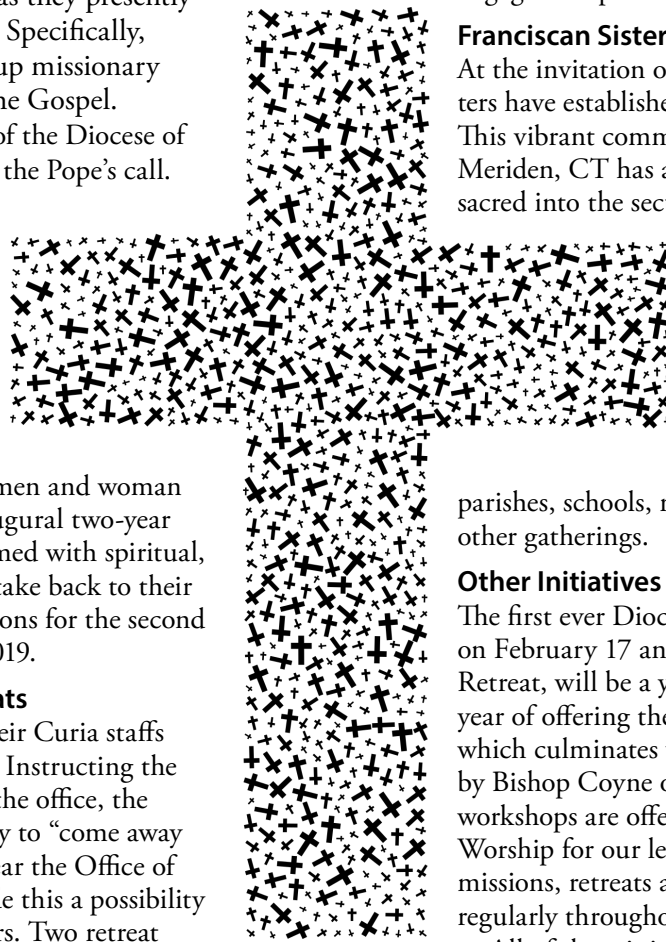
parishes, schools, religious education programs and other gatherings.

Other Initiatives

The first ever Diocesan Men’s conference was held on February 17 and, like the Annual Women’s Retreat, will be a yearly event. We are in our second year of offering the Adult Confirmation Program which culminates with Confirmation administered by Bishop Coyne on Pentecost. Parish and regional workshops are offered regularly by the Office of Worship for our lectors and other ministers. Parish missions, retreats and workshops are being offered regularly throughout the state.

All of these initiatives are only possible through the generosity of the Bishop’s Appeal and the goodwill and prayers of the faithful in the Diocese of Burlington.

— *Deacon Phil Lawson is the Executive Director of Evangelization, Catechesis, Divine Worship, Marriage and Family, & Respect Life for the Diocese of Burlington.*



UPCOMING EVENTS



06|22, 23, 24 FRIDAY
Vermont Catholic Youth Serve
UVM, Burlington

Youth (rising ninth graders, current high school teens and graduating seniors) will participate in community service projects throughout the area as well as develop their personal spirituality through group activities, praise and worship, Adoration, Reconciliation and Mass.
FOR MORE INFO: kalderman@vermontcatholic.org, (802) 658-6110 x1130.



06|22 FRIDAY
Rice-Cathedral Alumni Association
18th Annual Golf Tournament
Rocky Ridge Golf Course, St. George
 9 am - 2 pm

Cost is \$125, or \$500 for a foursome. All proceeds benefit Rice's tuition assistance program.
FOR MORE INFO: (802) 862-6521 x230 or rhmstvt.org.



06|22, 23 FRIDAY & SATURDAY
End of Spring Yard Sale
St. Thomas, Underhill Center
 9 am - 5 pm

Items include all kinds of household products, furniture, equipment, dishes, flatware, outdoor yard items from recent parishioners who have moved or retired out of Vermont. No clothes. It is a perfect way to spruce up your home.



06|22 FRIDAY
St. Paul School's Annual Dinner
Eastside Restaurant, Newport • 6 pm
 Tickets \$100, for two dinners and raffle tickets.

FOR MORE INFO: or make a reservation, (802) 525-6578.



06|23 SATURDAY
Troy Family Retreat Day
Sacred Heart of Jesus, Troy • 9 am - 8 pm

Pre-registration requested by June 17. \$30 per family, \$10 per person, \$6 for seniors.



06|24-29 SUNDAY-FRIDAY
Totus Tuus
Corpus Christi, St. Johnsbury
St. John Vianney, South Burlington

Join us for Totus Tuus 2018! Programs for high school and grade school students. For a complete list of hosting parishes please see vermontcatholic.org.



06|24-29 SUNDAY-FRIDAY
5-Day Silent Retreat
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte

Based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants will contemplate scripture, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day.
FOR MORE INFO: (802) 928-3362, fstanne@pshift.com.



06|27 WEDNESDAY
Summer Reflection Series
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 11:15 am - 2 pm
 Edmundite Brother Frank Hagerty, presenting, "The Book of Ruth: Faithfulness, Conversion, Healing and Redemption." Mass, followed by presentation and lunch.



07|07 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction
 8-9 am

Rosary and reconciliation at 8 a.m. followed by Mass.



07|08 SUNDAY
Diocesan Family Mass
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
 12 pm

Mass to be celebrated by Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne. After Mass visitors may picnic on the shrine grounds or on the shore of Lake Champlain or purchase a barbecue lunch at the shrine. Cost for the barbecue is \$10.95 for adults, \$6.95 for children 12 and under; and for families of four or more (two adults and two or more children) \$35. The family event will take place rain or shine.



07|11 WEDNESDAY
Summer Reflection Series
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 11:15 am - 2 pm
 Msgr. Richard Lavalley presenting, "Praying with the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary." Mass, followed by presentation and lunch.



07|13, 14, 15
Stebenville East High School Youth Conference
Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell

Youth, grades 9-12, are invited to join teens from throughout the Northeast to gather for a weekend filled with presentations, music and spiritual enrichment.
FOR MORE INFO: kalderman@vermontcatholic.org



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To see more events or to submit your event to the diocesan calendar: vermontcatholic.org/events

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

- Administrative Assistant/Director of Religious Education/Youth Ministry Coordinator
- Executive Director of Human Resources
- Superintendent of Schools
- Vermont Catholic Charities: Counselor/Psychotherapist Position
- Youth Ministry for St. Peter, Vergennes and St. Ambrose, Bristol

FOR MORE INFO:
vermontcatholic.org/careers



THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON
 Year OF THE
Family
 THE JOY OF LOVE
CONFERENCE

August 25, 2018

9AM - 4PM

Capital Plaza Center, Montpelier

REGISTRATION AND INFO:

vermontcatholic.org/YearoftheFamilyConference

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Diocese continues to identify and apply new strategies for engagement and formation. New youth programs engage more than 1,000 young people in rallies and annual men's and women's retreats engage hundreds of adults. Support opportunities for youth and adult engagement with a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal at bishopsappealvt.org.



GOAL \$2,709,944