

NEWS FROM The Inland See

September 8–14, 2018

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



The Diocesan Synod, called for by Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne in 2017, will convene this fall.

During the past year, the preparatory commission has met monthly to facilitate three consultation phases with the faithful of Vermont.

The first phased asked: As the Catholic Church in Vermont, what are we doing well? What are we doing that we could be doing better? What are we not doing that we should be doing? Parishes hosted listening sessions during which individuals could respond to the questions. A report from each parish was submitted to the Diocese and individuals could also submit responses via an online survey or email.

Seven priority areas were identified based on the responses to this first phase of consultation: reach out to youth and young adults; reach out to Catholics and non-Catholics who might feel marginalized; build stronger and more welcoming communities; communicate the Church's message more clearly and effectively; evangelize and catechize adults; strengthen prayer life; and emphasize vocations.

During the second phase of consultation, individuals were asked to rank the importance of the seven priorities that were identified in phase one. Multigenerational evangelization, effective communication of the Church's message and more welcoming and vibrant parish life rose to the top of the priority list.

During the first two phases of consultation, each pastor chose a delegate(s) to represent his parish(es) during the synod proceedings. The body of delegates met twice during the summer to further discuss the consultation results and next steps forward. This included forming working groups devoted to each of the top three priorities.

For the third phase of consultation, delegates and clergy were asked to specifically list one thing each that they (as an individual) can do, that their parishes can do and that the Diocese can do to address each of the three priorities identified in phase two.

Delegates will meet a final time on September 8, before the synod convenes on Saturday, Oct. 13 at Immaculate Conception Church in Burlington. Additional synod

Prayer for the Diocesan Synod

Almighty and ever-living God,
You continually guide and sustain your
pilgrim Church, which you established as
"the universal sacrament of salvation."
Direct the Church in Vermont during this
time of preparation for the Diocesan Synod.
Help us to discern the signs of the time wisely,
that we may joyfully proclaim the Good News
of salvation through Jesus Christ.
May we never fail to trust that "with God,
all things are possible."
We ask this, with the help of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for Us.

*Cf. Lumen Gentium, 48; Bishop DeGoesbriand and
Bishop Coyne's episcopal mottoes; Mt 19:26; Proverbs 3:5.*

meetings will take place on Oct. 27
and Nov. 10 at locations to be decided.

The task of the synod will be to discuss and decide how the Church in Vermont most effectively moves forward with the information and recommendations that have been gathered throughout the synod preparatory process. While delegates are the ones responsible for official participation in synod proceedings, everyone is welcome to attend as observers of this significant faith event for the Catholic Church in Vermont.

Following the synod, Bishop Coyne will issue a letter summarizing the findings of the synod and laying out a plan for implementing the recommendations of the synod throughout future years.

For more information about the 2018 Diocesan synod, visit vermontcatholic.org/synod.

— Stephanie Clary, manager of mission outreach and
communication, Diocese of Burlington

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UPCOMING EVENTS



09|09 SUNDAY
St. Luke Annual Children's Carnival

St. Luke Rectory, Fairfax • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Hosted by the Fairfax Knights of Columbus. Games, food, prizes & fun. Open to all ages! Rain date: Sunday, September 16. Cost: (covers games and prizes): \$3.00 per child, \$10 max per family.



09|10, 17, 24, 10|01, 08, 15 MONDAYS
The Mass: 6-part Series

*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction
7-8 pm*

This is a six-part presentation of Bishop Robert Barron's The Mass series. Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you will be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.



09|12 WEDNESDAY
Youth Ministry 101 Training

St. Michael, Brattleboro • 6 - 8 pm

This foundation in Youth Ministry workshop will include an overview of the USCCB document "Renewing the Vision", as well as basic concepts in Youth Ministry. Open to anyone seeking to improve their skills and understanding for reaching today's youth with the Gospel. Part of the ongoing Diocesan "Deeper Waters" workshops throughout Vermont.

FOR MORE INFO: or RSVP, wgavin@vermontcatholic.org



09|14 FRIDAY
The Michael Baker Green Wave Open Golf Tournament

Rutland Country Club

This is a benefit for MSJ Academy.

FOR MORE INFO: Development office (802) 775-0151 x2020 or evdevelopment@msjvermont.org



09|14, 15 FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Indoor Tag Sale

Our Lady of Grace, Colchester

Friday 8 am to 4 pm, and Saturday 8 am

to 1 pm. Games, books, jewelry, small electronics, sports equipment, bake sale and much more.



09|15 SATURDAY
Polish Food by St. Stanislaus Parish

Town Hall, West Rutland • 5 - 9 pm

Parishioners of St. Stanislaus Church in West

Rutland will sell pierogis at the town block party: \$5 for a half dozen, \$10 for a dozen.



09|15, 16 SATURDAY & SUNDAY
St. Thomas Church Vision 2020 Fall Art Show & Silent Auction

St. Thomas Parish Hall, Underhill Center

9 am - 4 pm & 9 am - 12 pm

Hosted by the St. Thomas Vision 2020 Committee, all monies raised are designated for making the church more accessible to the local community and parishioners.



09|16 SUNDAY
Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

All Saints Dorian Hall, Richford • 12 pm

\$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens, \$5 for children 5-10 years, free for children under 5 years.



09|16 SUNDAY
Vermont Catholic Advance Directive Presentation

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Swanton
2 - 4 pm*

Here in Vermont, many options are available for end-of-life care. Sadly, some of these are morally very troublesome! For this reason, the Diocese of Burlington has created the Vermont Catholic Advance Directives. Join Deacon Pete Gummere for a discussion on the Vermont Catholic Advance Directives.



09|18 WEDNESDAY
Youth Ministry 101 Training

*Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Williston
6:30 - 8:30 pm*

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09|22, 23 SATURDAY & SUNDAY
Young Adult Retreat

*Dumaine Retreat Center in Jacksonville
9:30 am - 2 pm*

For young adults ages 18-39. Cost is \$65 and includes meals and lodging. Spiritual Director is Father Jon Schnobrich, Diocesan Vocation Director. Register Now!

FOR MORE INFO: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/young-adult-retreat/



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

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

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Groundskeeper

Diocese: Marriage & Family Life Coordinator

Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator

Diocese: Youth and Young Adult Ministry Administrative Assistant

Vermont Catholic Charities: Accountant

St. Luke / Ascension Parish, Fairfax: Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

St. Peter / St. Ambrose, Vergennes/Bristol: Youth Ministry

Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales, Bennington: Part-time Coordinator of Catholic Youth Ministry and Evangelization

For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers

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