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NEWS FROM

February 23 – March 1, 2019

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



every day, and frankly, sometimes lose track of the ball. The fact the conference is a one-day event makes it accessible for me. I don't have the time or the money for a lengthier retreat. I can do a day and \$40 (\$20 if you are 21 or younger). Just for a day, I can detach from my responsibilities and commitments and spend time with the Lord. It turns out, God has been there all along, but I get so caught up in things, I don't see God. At the end of the day, I am back home where I belong, living the life God has given me to live, renewed and strengthened in the Lord. The past several years, my adult-aged son has attended the conferences with me. This is such an amazing day. Besides sharing our Catholic faith together, we talk, yes as father and son, but also as men, as equals.

The keynote speaker, Eric Sutulovich, comes to us from the Catholic Athletes for Christ Speakers Bureau. Eric is a former NFL special teams coach with the Atlanta Falcons, Detroit Lions and Houston Texans. He is a cradle Catholic whose Catholic faith was challenged when he went to college in the South. These challenges led him to learn more about the faith he loved and inspired him to practice it with more knowledge and fervor. Eric lives in Georgia with his wife and four children.

The conference also features Msgr. John McDermott, vicar general for the Diocese of Burlington; and Paul Kendall, a family man with four adult sons who has been married for 30 years. He is also in formation for the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Burlington.

I encourage you to attend this year's conference. I really believe at the end of the day, we can be different, with a new resolve to be the men God created us to be, and make this year's theme, Call to Discipleship, our theme going forward.

—John Morin, co-chair, men's conference steering committee

This year's conference follows a successful inaugural Vermont Catholic Men's Conference last year. It promises to be a day of reflection, renewal and fellowship, giving participants a much-needed "time out" to gain or regain the presence of the Lord in their daily lives. The format will include four talks by three inspirational speakers, Holy Mass with Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne, opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration, confession and personal reflection and fellowship with the other participants.

Why attend a men's conference?

This year will be my eighth consecutive year attending a Catholic men's conference. I find renewal and inspiration in attending them. I work a lot; sometimes two jobs. It always seems like it is time to work. I am out there swinging away

MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Parishioners,

You may be aware that we are conducting a comprehensive survey of the entire Diocese. The purpose of the survey is to help gauge support for the following projects that constitute our diocesan master plan resulting from the synod:

- ✦ Build vibrant parishes
- ✦ Create an evangelization fund
- ✦ Increase the Catholic schools fund
- ✦ Serve the poor

I thank everyone who has already participated in the study. Your thoughts are extremely valuable to us during this planning process. I encourage everyone who has not responded to do so. Your input will help us make an informed decision regarding our

long-range plans for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington.

We hope to have all surveys completed by March 10, 2019. If you received a survey via mail, please complete it and return it in the envelope provided, or take the survey online.

To complete the survey online, go to steiergroup.com/survey, click on Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington and enter the password, Burlington.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and for you to build up the Kingdom of God here in Vermont.



Yours in Christ,

Christopher J. Coyne

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

UPCOMING EVENTS



03|02 SATURDAY Silent Day-Retreat

Our Lady of Life, Quebec

Join us for a silent day-retreat at Our Lady of Life (Quebec), one hour and 40 minutes from the Burlington area. Teaching (in French with simultaneous translation into English) given by a Carmelite friar on "The Visitation: Mystery of Encounter" Time for prayer, reading, walking and resting in the Lord, with Mass and Reconciliation. Lunch is in silence; dinner is joyful fellowship. (Passport or enhanced travel document needed.)

FOR MORE INFO: and to register, contact Teresa at email@ourladyoflifeinstitute.org



03|02 SATURDAY Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am

First Saturday of every month, come to Our Lady of Fatima Devotions. Rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 am and Mass at 8:30.



03|02 SATURDAY Marriage Preparation Retreat

Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 10:30 am - 5 pm

Come take a break from wedding preparation and spend time in prayer, sharing and fellowship with your fiancé and other engaged couples. Lunch and materials will be provided – **there is no cost for this retreat.** Prior Registration is required: vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-preparation-retreat-stowe/



03|02 SATURDAY Wintertastic Celebration & Auction

Mount Anthony C.C., Bennington • 6 pm

To benefit the educational programs at the School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales in Bennington
FOR MORE INFO: 802-442-2446



03|05 TUESDAY Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 7 - 8 pm

Theme # 5 is "The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers: Saint Peter Faber and the Ethics of Business." A founding member of the Jesuit order and a close companion of Saint Ignatius Loyola, Peter Faber first intuited how business and industry could ease poverty and improve society. His ideas are echoed in recent Vatican and USCCB documents, and are perhaps worth further exploration.



03|07 - 05|16 THURSDAYS Bishop Robert Barron's Catholicism Series

Holy Family, Essex Jct.

9:30 - 10:30 am

Join us for Episode 1 – Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man. We will play one episode each week.



03|09 SATURDAY Padre Pio Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction

8 - 10 am

The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets the second Saturday of each month. Rosary starts at 8 am followed by Mass, Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the Holy Family Parish Hall after Mass.



03|10 SUNDAY Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion

St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington • 3 pm

During the Rite of Election, celebrated by Bishop Coyne, the Church "elects" those seeking full initiation into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at

Easter. The Church also recognizes those already-baptized Christians seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church and pledges the support of prayer as they journey toward Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Friends and family of those being participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion and all the faithful from around the diocese are invited to celebrate with us. A small reception follows the liturgy.



03|11, 18, 25 MONDAYS Acts of the Apostles

Holy Family, Essex Junction

7 pm

Fr. Richard Berube will present Luke's Second Volume: Acts of the Apostles on three Mondays: March 11, 18, and 25. Call the Rectory at (802) 878-5331 or email holyfamilysecretary@comcast.net for a reservation.



03|15 FRIDAY Michael Mette Concert Event

St. Michael School, Brattleboro

7 - 8:30 pm

Join us for MJM7 — the Michael Mette Family Band in concert. Open to the whole family! A good will offering will be taken at the end of the event.



03|16 Saturday Marriage Preparation Retreat

Christ the King, Rutland

9:30 am - 3 pm

A one-day Retreat for Engaged Couples. Come take a break from wedding preparation and spend time in prayer, sharing and fellowship with your fiancé and other engaged couples. Lunch and materials will be provided – prior Registration is required. There is no cost for this retreat.
FOR MORE INFO: vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-preparation-retreat-day-rutland/

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



Permanent Diaconate Formation classes to begin in August.

Learn how to apply at:
vermontcatholic.org/vermont/permanent-diaconate-formation-classes-to-begin

Deadline for applications is March 1.

REGIONAL LAY FORMATION AND DIACONATE INFO NIGHTS SCHEDULE

Each session will run from 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 26 **St. John Vianney, S. Burlington**

Wed., Feb. 27 **St. Theresa, Orleans**

Tues., March 5 **Holy Angels, St. Albans**

Mon., March 18 **Sacred Heart, Bennington**