

NEWS FROM The Inland See

July 25-31, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Founder's Day of Giving



JULY 29

MATCHING
GIFT

On July 29, 1853, the Diocese of Burlington, Vermont, was formally created by papal brief under the leadership of the first bishop, Louis de Goësbriand. At this time there were 10 churches and approximately 20,000 Catholics being served by five priests.

The Diocese was very much a missionary Diocese with limited resources and a small congregation of Catholics sprinkled throughout the vast state. The terrain was challenging, and the mostly Protestant state did not welcome Catholicism.

Bishop de Goësbriand spent most of his quarter-of-a million-dollar inheritance to travel throughout the state to spread the Good News and build churches, schools and homes for the most vulnerable. The fruits of his labor paid off. By 1891, the number of Catholics more than doubled to 48,000 with 78 churches. In addition, he helped found eight academies and 16 parochial schools in the Diocese with seven congregations of women religious to staff them.

By the time he died in 1899, he had spent his entire fortune; he had only \$2.12 to his name and a few old suits, noted Father Lance Harlow, rector of St. Joseph Cathedral who wrote a biography of the bishop in 2001.

“Bishop de Goësbriand, even though he was raised in a well-respected and well-to-do household, lived in austere simplicity,” said Kathleen Messier, assistant diocesan archivist. “In several biographical accounts of Burlington’s founding bishop, his Christ-like love of the poor has often been noted.”

Today we find the Diocese of Burlington is again missionary territory, similar to what Bishop de Goësbriand

faced but with new challenges: Covid-19, declining population and a generation of young people disinterested in joining any type of formal religion.

We must face these challenges with the same fortitude and faith as our first leader, Bishop de Goësbriand, and create new ways to engage young people and lay leaders, while keeping our faith community connected during the pandemic and continuing to support the most vulnerable among us.

When the pandemic closed our churches, we increased our communication by live-streaming almost 200 faith engagement activities including weekly and Sunday Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, daily rosary, daily scripture reflections and many other faith engagement opportunities. We continued to provide emergency aid to families — many impacted by Covid-19 — moved our Catholic education online and guided our parishes to safely open for the public celebration of the Mass when the stay-home-order was lifted.

All of these ministries are supported by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

On July 29, we will celebrate our first Founder’s Day of Giving to encourage gifts to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal and support the mission of our Diocese. We have received an anonymous matching grant that will match any gift made up to \$18,000. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal or would like to make an additional gift online, visit vermontcatholic.org/giveonline.

— *Ellen Kane, Executive Director of Development & Communication, Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington*



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Upcoming Events



08|01 SATURDAY

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

First Saturday of every month. Rosary and reconciliation at 8 am and Mass at 8:30.



08|01 SATURDAY

Family, Youth and Young Adult Hike with Fr. Dwight Baker

Lincon Gap • 9 am

Hike Mt. Abraham via the Long Trail. Come together for a time of prayer, fellowship and enjoying the majesty of God's creation. All are welcome! Bring sturdy shoes, water and snacks. If you're having trouble finding the trail, Bill Gavin can be reached at (802) 881-7795.



08|02 SUNDAY

Family, Youth and Young Adult Hike with Fr. Curtis Miller

Newark • 2 - 4:30 pm

Hike to Mt. Hor via the Herbert Hawkes Trailhead off Route 5A in Newark. Come together for a time of prayer, fellowship and enjoying the majesty of God's creation. All are welcome! Bring sturdy shoes, water and snacks.

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator

St. Andrew's Parish, Waterbury:
Secretary/Bookkeeper

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Sr. Maintenance Technician

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Cook

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— \$500 Sign-On Bonus

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LNA or Caregiver

For More Info:

vermontcatholic.org/careers

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2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Please consider making a gift to the annual appeal on the Founder's Day of Giving or that week to help us reach our \$18,000 matching gift at: www.vermontcatholic.org/giveonline

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: **\$2,651,157**

49%

As of July 15, 2020: **\$1,288,716**



CATHOLIC FAMILY
**SUMMER
CHALLENGE**

- Complete the challenge as a family and earn a prize!
- Be entered in drawing for grand prize — a super family fun basket!
- Deadline for all submissions is September 9, 2020.



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www.vermontcatholic.org/summerchallenge



JULY 26 – 31, 2020

CHALLENGES TO GROW
YOUR MARRIAGE

VULNERABILITY

Share with your spouse one thing you're struggling with right now. Marriage takes being vulnerable. Offer support and encouragement to each other. Make a plan together to help improve the situation, such as checking back in with each other with time devoted to listen to each other (include no electronic distractions).



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