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NEWS FROM

December 5–11, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Update on *Christ Our Hope:* Building a Vibrant Church

The Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign Virtual Giving Challenge Nov. 21-22 was a big success! We received 79 gifts/pledges totaling \$131,641 in two days. Thanks to matching gifts from Bishop Christopher Coyne and an anonymous donor, the 35 parishes listed in the sidebar will receive a \$1,000 match towards their goal.

We already have been blessed with the generosity of many, and we share our gratitude on behalf of the parishes, who benefit the most from this campaign.

There are 83 churches engaged in this campaign with goals ranging from increasing parish ministries that serve the poor, to capital needs to make the parish more welcoming and accessible (such as a handicap ramp or paving the parking lot) to supporting evangelization and religious education. Every parish is stepping up to make the campaign a success. None of this would be possible without the efforts of the parish campaign volunteers and the leadership of our pastors. To view your parish's progress visit: www.christourhopevt.org/parish.

As we approach the end of the year, we also ask that you prayerfully consider making a Bishop's Annual Appeal gift. Due to the pandemic, we are only at 76 percent of our goal, and the annual appeal supports many of our essential

ministries, including emergency aid to the poor, Catholic schools and religious education, vocations, Vermont Catholic magazine, lay and youth ministries and so much more.

When the pandemic closed our churches, the donations to the Bishop's Appeal allowed us to keep our vital ministries going in new and creative ways. We increased our communication by livestreaming 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.

To make a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal or Christ Our Hope campaign, visit: www.vermontcatholic.org/donate

As we prepare ourselves for the birth of our savior, let us rejoice: *Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!* —2 *Corinthians 9:15*

With gratitude,



Ellen Kane

Parishes receiving \$1,000 matching gift

Christ the King/St. Anthony Parish
St. Joseph Cathedral Parish
St. Mark Parish
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Our Lady of Grace Parish
St. Pius X Parish
Holy Cross Parish
St. Ann Parish
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish
St. Catherine of Siena Parish
St. John Vianney Parish
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Williston
St. Francis Xavier Parish
Our Lady of the Valley Parish
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Windsor
Christ Our Savior Parish
Sacred Heart-St. Francis de Sales Parish
St. Monica Parish
Mary Queen of All Saints Parish
St. Augustine Parish
St. John the Evangelist Parish
Our Lady of the Angels Parish
Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick Mission
St. Andrew Parish
Mater Dei Parish
Corpus Christi Parish
Our Lady of Good Help Parish
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish
All Saints Parish
Ascension Mission
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary/St. Louis Parish
St. Andre Bessette Parish
St. Patrick, Fairfield

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BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH



Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

A portion of the funds raised through the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign supports these types of ministries through the faith formation fund established in the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. This will ensure stable income for vital faith formation ministries, especially in times of crisis. To learn more about the campaign or make a gift online visit: www.christourhopevt.org.

31%

As of Nov. 25: \$3,090,228

Goal: \$10,000,000

Upcoming Events



12|07, 14, 21 MONDAYS

Pope Francis' *Fratelli Tutti* Study with Msgr. McDermott

via Zoom • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Msgr. McDermott will host a three-part Zoom study which will focus on the major themes of the document. Participants are encouraged to read the document, or at least a summary of the document, prior to the meetings.

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/



12|08, 15, 22 TUESDAYS

Praying with the Scriptures in Advent

via Zoom • 7:30 - 8 pm

This Advent, prepare for the coming of Christ by praying with the Scriptures. Bring a prayerful end to your day as Michael Hagan guides you in reading, reflecting, responding, and resting with the previous Sunday's Gospel reading. This will be a Zoom webinar – participants will not be on camera/microphone but will be able to interact through chat.

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/



12|10 THURSDAY

Parent Cafe: Advent Special

via Zoom • 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm

Join other Catholic parents in our virtual

café as we start with a fun game, have some laughs, and then discuss family Advent traditions. All parents welcome! Hosted by Terri McCormack and Michael Hagan.

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Accounting Assistant — AP/AR

Rice Memorial High School, Burlington: Bookkeeper, Part-time

St. Peter's Parish, Rutland: Administrative Assistant, Part-Time

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LPN or Med Tech — \$1000 Sign-On Bonus

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LPN or Med Tech

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LNA or Caregiver — \$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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CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

IT'S THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

How are you doing on those activities to help out a neighbor by donating your time or material possessions? Pray together for your neighbors.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

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2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



As we launch the Christ our Hope campaign, we ask that you first prayerfully consider your annual gift to the Bishop's Appeal which helps support statewide ministries today: bishopsappealvt.org. If you are able, we then ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to our first-ever statewide campaign over a three-year period to ensure the vibrant future of our parishes, schools and ministries to the poor.

100%

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

76%

As of November 25: \$2,004,077