

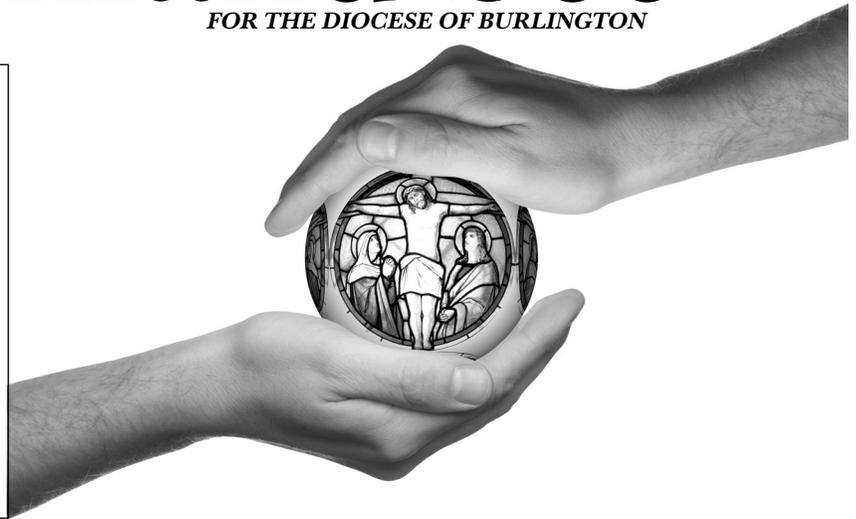
# NEWS FROM The Inland See

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

January 30 – February 5, 2021

## Diocesan Formation Opportunities

### *Information Sessions*



*“The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...” — Lk. 10:2*

**A**s the Diocesan Synod called for, the Diocese of Burlington is seeking to continue inspiring and equipping lay men and women for leadership positions in their parishes. Under the umbrella of the Diocesan Institute for Missionary Discipleship, the following four formation programs are being offered this year. Applications for each will be accepted this Spring with the programs beginning next August/September. For additional information, feel free to reach out to Dcn. Phil Lawson at [plawson@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:plawson@vermontcatholic.org)

#### **Diocesan Lay Formation Leadership Program**

This program seeks to form laity to assist in leadership roles in their parishes in such programs as RCIA, catechesis, Pre-Cana, evangelization, adult formation and building vibrant parishes. Key to this formation is inspiring and equipping the laity to serve and evangelize their parishes and communities as missionary disciples. This is a 2-year program that meets one Saturday a month in person, with additional formation taking place via online courses.

#### **Deacon Formation Program**

Deacons are ordained to be permanent ministers in the Church. Deacons are ministers of the word, of sacrament and most of all ministers of charity. They have significant theological education, a deep spiritual life and are formed in pastoral ministry. They must have good human relations ability. The total time in formation is five years, two of which are in the Lay Leadership Formation Program, followed by three years of diaconate formation. Deacon Pete Gummere, diaconate director, will present additional information and take questions on the Permanent Diaconate.

#### **Leader of Prayer Program**

The Lay Leader of Prayer Formation Program seeks to raise up laity in our parishes who can prepare and lead appropriate forms of public prayer at the request of the pastor when clergy are otherwise unavailable. The curriculum for the Lay Leader of Prayer Formation Program consists of four sessions that will serve to cover basic liturgical principals of leading communal prayer as well as an introduction to the various rites of the Church that may be led by lay leaders: Sunday Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying and Funeral Rites.

#### **Pastoral Associate for Parish Life**

This is a 1-year formation program designed to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills to serve their parishes as a pastoral associate when it is not possible for the bishop to appoint a full-time parish priest. This service will take the form of parish administration, pastoral care, pastoral counseling, finances, sacramental preparation, liturgical planning and assistance, human resources and faith formation. This ensures that Christian life and the evangelizing mission of the community are continued.

### *Information Session Dates*

**Wednesday, February 10 • 7 p.m.**

Register at: [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/diocesan-formation-opportunities-information-sessions/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/diocesan-formation-opportunities-information-sessions/)

**Tuesday, February 16 • 7 p.m.**

Register at: [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/diocesan-formation-opportunities-information-sessions-2/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/diocesan-formation-opportunities-information-sessions-2/)



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As of Jan. 15: \$4,208,840 **Goal: \$9,582,456**

## Upcoming Events



01|31 SUNDAY  
**Envision Life**

via Zoom • 6 - 8 pm

Join us for a virtual pro-life event live-streamed from Saint John Vianney Church in S. Burlington. The evening will begin with prayer and adoration and will be followed by two presentations, by Molly Sheahan, Associate Director for Respect Life Advocacy at Maryland Catholic Conference and Krista Corbello, Founder of Even This Way. Register: [vermontcatholic.org/event/envision-life/](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/envision-life/)



02|02 – 04|20 TUESDAYS  
**The Sacraments**

via Zoom • 7:45 - 8:45 pm

The Sacraments are at the center of our worship. They are essential to God's plan, but what are they? Why are they important? Who gives them to us? Where are they in Scripture? And how do we live them out? Join Seminarian Greg Caldwell to think about and reflect upon the Seven Sacraments. To get the Zoom information email Greg Caldwell at [gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu](mailto:gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu).



02|03 WEDNESDAY  
**Parent Cafe**

via Zoom • 7:30 - 8:15 pm

Join other Catholic parents in Vermont for these virtual discussions about life and faith. Each session includes a prayer and brief discussion which sets the stage for open and honest conversation. Register at: [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/parent-cafe/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/parent-cafe/)



02|09 TUESDAY  
**Praise and Worship St John Enosburg**

St. John, Enosburg • 7 - 8 pm

Come experience the light of Christ! Open to all!



02|17, 18, 19 WED, THURS, FRI  
**Embracing Lent during a Pandemic**

Essex Catholic Community

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, offered at St. Lawrence Church, Essex Jct. at 8:30 am Mass and at St. Pius X Church, Essex Center at 7 pm Mass. Hosted by Fr. Michael Carter, S.S.E.



02|23, 03|02, 9, 16, 23 TUESDAYS  
**Encounter Jesus Bible Study**

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

Each week will focus on a different encounter with Jesus as described in the Gospels which in the words of Pope Francis, "changes our lives... and fills us with joy." Hosted by Deacon Phil Lawson



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## CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

### WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER...

about when you first saw each other and met? Write a letter to each other describing the details, include smells, sounds, and other sensory experiences you felt. Read your letters together and lovingly discuss what you remember (perhaps by candlelight).

[vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge](http://vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge)

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Thank you to all those who have made a gift already. We are more than 20% behind our goal and ask those that can to please consider making a gift. You can make a gift online: [vermontcatholic.org/donate](http://vermontcatholic.org/donate)

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

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As of January 15, 2021: \$2,148,025