

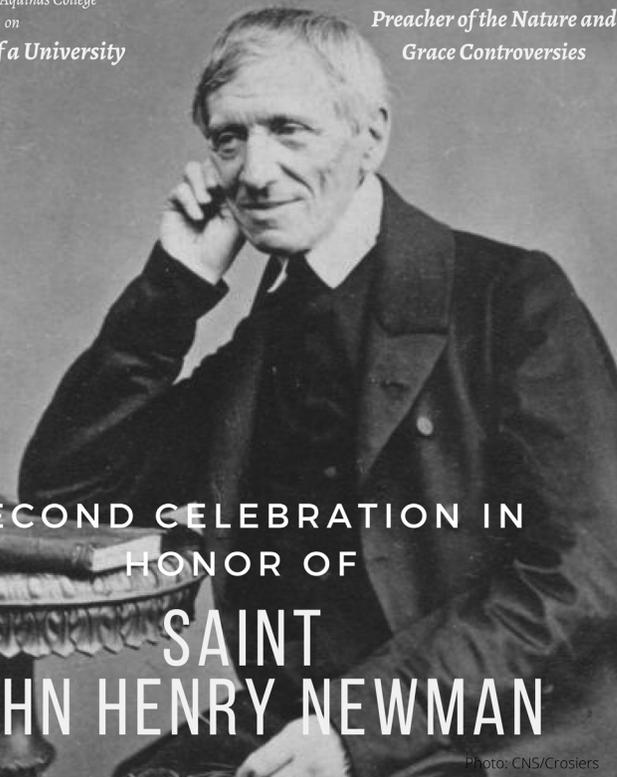
# NEWS FROM The Inland See

August 28 – September 3, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Featuring guest lecturer  
Dr. John McCarthy  
of  
St. Thomas Aquinas College  
on  
*The Idea of a University*

Fr. Kevin Chalifoux  
on  
*Newman as the Master  
Preacher of the Nature and  
Grace Controversies*



SECOND CELEBRATION IN  
HONOR OF  
SAINT  
JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

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CHANTED SOLEMN  
VESPERS

OCT • 10 • 2021  
Holy Family Parish  
Essex Jct, VT  
4 - 8 pm

DINNER AND 2  
PRESENTATIONS

Nearly two years ago, in October 2019, John Henry Newman was added to the Church's canon of officially recognized saints. To celebrate the new saint and his great impact, Father Kevin Chalifoux and I hosted the first Newman Night on the very day of his canonization. About a hundred people showed up to pray evening prayer, have dinner and listen to talks highlighting the life and work of the saint. This year the second Newman Night celebration will take place on October 10 at Holy Family Parish hall in Essex Junction.

Who is St. John Henry Newman?

Like many saints, his life's road included tumultuous turns. He rose to prominence as an Anglican in the Oxford movement in England, well-known for his preaching and writing. Compelled by conviction, however, he gave up his role to investigate questions concerning Anglicanism, which eventually led to his conversion to the Catholic Church. He was ordained a priest and became a member of the Oratorians of St. Philip Neri. By the time of his death in 1890, he had been

named a cardinal. Such are the basic facts of his life. But the real question is whether his character, his preaching, his impact can be sketched.

Great men and women cannot be described without distortion. A sketch conceals as much as it reveals. John Henry Newman – convert, cardinal, priest, Oratorian, scholar, poet — is no exception. And the great temptation, as C.S. Lewis says, is to settle for a bog of superlatives. You've gushed, but your subject remains as nondescript as before.

I'll try to avoid the swamp by triangulating Newman with the characteristics of other prominent figures. Newman wielded a laser-like literary accuracy akin to G.K. Chesterton's finesse, (though not quite as quotable, because Newman is not infatuated with paradox or alliteration.) Newman's tone is also different from Chesterton's: much less playful, more serious and solemn. Jordan Peterson's tone reminds me of Newman's: insistent, grave, sincere, measured. His theological approach is patristic and biblical, not Thomistic. Think Benedict XVI or C.S. Lewis, as opposed to the distinctions and syllogisms of a scholastic. His depth matches St. Augustine's, his effortless clarity equals Bishop Robert Barron's, even amid Newman's paragraph-length sentences (like reading Latin in English, one person said).

His sermons have two features for which no comparison suggests itself. The first is that they raise immense challenges of holiness, yet without being discouraging the reader. They warn and critique, yet somehow exhilarate. Second, they are intellectually rigorous without being either intellectually laborious or emotionally dry.

They drive through the head yet hammer on the heart.

Well, there's the sketch; I hope it piques your interest enough to join us for a celebration in his honor at Newman Night 2021 in Holy Family Parish hall in Essex Junction. The evening will include solemn evening prayer, dinner and two presentations on the thought and impact of St. John Henry Newman. The cost is \$10 per person, \$15 for two and \$5 for each additional guest.

To RSVP or inquire, email [vermontnewman@gmail.com](mailto:vermontnewman@gmail.com).

— *Father Matthew Rensch is the Administrator of the Catholic Communities of Waterbury, Waitsfield and Moretown*



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# Upcoming Events



09|11 SATURDAY

## Chicken Pie Supper

*Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 5 - 6 pm*

Drive-thru Take-Outs. Indoor seating at 5pm.

Reservations recommended. (802) 728-5251, \$12, Kids \$5.



09|19 SUNDAY

## Outdoor Mass for Catechetical Sunday

*Holy Family Church, Essex Jct. • 11am*

Blessings on all as we begin a new religious education year.



09|15, 21, 10|13, 27, 11|10 WED

## Living Joy Discussion Group

*Online • 7 pm*

Join us for Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9

Rules to Help You Rediscover and Life Joy Every Day. This virtual event explores one rule every other week. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact [pturnley@aol.com](mailto:pturnley@aol.com) for more information.



09|18, 10|09 SATURDAYS

## National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Babies

*All Saints Cemetery, Richford • 9 am*

Join us for a prayer service with scripture reading, hymns, and recitation of the Holy Rosary.



09|25 SATURDAY

## Vermont Catholic Daughters of America Retreat

*Our Lady of Angels, Randolph*

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Deacon Gesualdo Schneider will lead us in a retreat as we spend a day with "Jesus' Family." This event is free, will include lunch, and is open to all women aged 18 and over. There will be an opportunity for a goodwill donation to support the K of C's purchase of an ultrasound machine for a mobile clinic in the Burlington area. Registration is required. Registration is open to all women 18 years of age and older. Please email: [Deb.dgbrown264@gmail.com](mailto:Deb.dgbrown264@gmail.com) by Sept. 17.



10|02 SATURDAY

## A Life Symposium

*Doubletree, Burlington • 8 am - 3 pm*

This day-long conference focuses on issues related to Proposal 5, a dangerous amendment aimed at enshrining the right to abortion in Vermont's Constitution. **FORE MORE INFO: [vrlc.net](http://vrlc.net).**



10|09 SATURDAY

## Ordination Mass

*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am*

The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates

the ordination of two men to the diaconate. Mr. Michael Knowles will be ordained to the permanent diaconate and Mr. Brandon Schneider will be ordained to the transitional diaconate. This event is open for all who wish to attend. For those unable to be with us physically for the liturgy, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.



10|10 SUNDAY

## Evening Honoring the Life and Teachings of St. John Henry Newman

*Holy Family Church Hall, Essex Junction • 4 - 8 pm*

Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch cordially invite you to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest.

**RSVP by October 3 to: [VermontNewman@gmail.com](mailto:VermontNewman@gmail.com)**



10|10 SUNDAY

## Annual Women's Retreat

*St. Catherine of Sienna, Shelburne*

8 am - 3:30 pm

Save the date! More information will be released soon.



## DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

*Diocesan Central Offices: Development and Communication Coordinator*

*Diocesan Central Offices: Diocesan Catechetical Leader*

*Diocesan Central Offices: Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister*

*Diocesan Central Offices: Accountant*

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

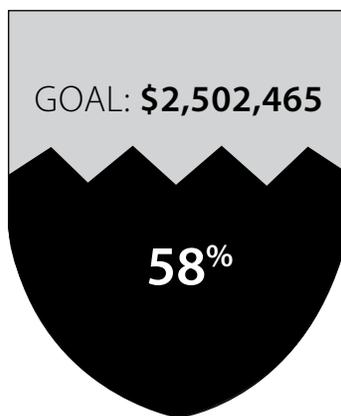
*St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) – \$1,000 Sign-On Bonus*

*St. Mark Parish, Burlington: Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis*

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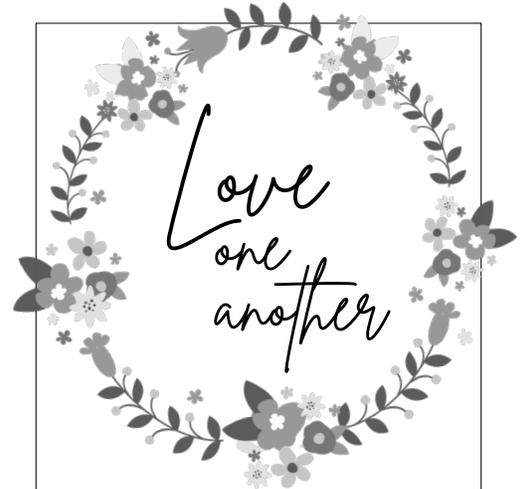


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**2021**  
UPDATE



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SEPTEMBER 5 – 11, 2021

## CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

### COMMUNICATION

How well do you communicate with your spouse? This week take 25 minutes every day to share one thing you appreciate about each other. Sit next to each other, holding hands, and look into the eyes of this person you love. End with a prayer of thanksgiving to God.

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