



1853

SOCIETY



THE DeGoesbriand
CIRCLE



**The Diocese of Burlington established in 1853.
Serving God in all things through the Holy Spirit.**

OUR HISTORY

The roots of our Catholic faith here in Vermont lie in our noteworthy history. When we read about the remarkable men and women who prepared the soil and planted the seeds of our faith, we realize that the Holy Spirit has been at work from the beginning until now.

One significant signpost in that history was the official establishment of our diocese, when Bishop DeGoesbriand was appointed the first Bishop of Burlington in 1853. We look back at that year with great pride and in that memory we rediscover our roots and we find our hope for the future.

WHO WE ARE

Today this same Spirit continues to work in our diocese as we reach out beyond our church walls to serve God in all things. Many in the DeGoesbriand Circle have been moved to make gifts of \$1,000 or more in support of that mission. The 1853 Society has been established to acknowledge those who support the annual appeal with a gift of at least \$1,853. We are very thankful for their generosity and foresee that with the growth of the 1853 Society, our diocese will also be blessed with growth and that many will find their way home again in the Church.

WHAT WE DO

The 1853 Society has opportunities to gather throughout the year for fellowship and briefings on the impact their support has had in the Diocese of Burlington. Audience with Bishop Christopher Coyne and detailed communication throughout the year ensures the Society's bonds are woven within the Kingdom of God, as it expands within the state of Vermont.

BECOME A MEMBER

If you are interested in joining the 1853 Society, or want to find out more about the mission and benefits of this group, please contact us today.

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