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Report for Region - Northwest VT

Welcome to the Vermont Catholic e-News Report, produced by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington. This news report is designed to keep you informed of important news happening in your geographical location within the Diocese of Burlington and the Church at large.

Region - Northwest VT News

French Canadian supper

RICHMOND—There will be a French Canadian supper on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 5 p.m. at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church Hall. The menu will include pea soup, meat pie, mashed potatoes, dessert and beverages. A free-will donation will benefit the charities of Rosary Council of the Knights of Columbus Council #4684. For more information call 434-3196(evenings) or 434-2521(daytime).

Mater Christi retreat

COLCHESTER—The two Mater Christi School eighth-grade classes spent a day in retreat at St. Michael's College in Colchester in December. The theme of the retreat was "Finding mercy in myself, in others and in God."

Presenters were Sister of Mercy Dale Jarvis and students and alumni from Rice Memorial High School in South Burlington. Accompanied by Rice Campus Ministry Director Mary Beatty, they were Gretchen Tarrant, Tim Bolger, Katy Ranaldo, Peter Sylvester, Ellen Sartorelli, Alaina Sarvak, Michaela Finneran and Mike Liu.

Retreat coordinators were Monica Morano, grade-eight religion teacher, and Jason Moore, associate MCS campus minister. Other adults involved were Sister of Mercy Joanne LaFreniere and junior high teachers Nichole Caisse, Patrick Welsch, Allan Whyland and Agnes Thomas.

In addition to the talks, the students from the Burlington Catholic school also attended Mass celebrated by Edmundite Father Raymond Doherty.

Offering retreats for its junior high students is a long-standing tradition at Mater Christi School.



A-CAROLING THEY DID GO—Mater Christi School first and fifth graders visit St. Joseph's Home in Burlington to sing Christmas carols to the residents.



Third- through fifth-grade students from The Bishop John A. Marshall School entertain residents at The Manor.

Music at The Manor

MORRISVILLE—The Bishop John A. Marshall School's third through fifth grade students recently entertained residents at The Manor in Morrisville, with songs of holiday cheer. Choral Music Director Brooke Wright accompanied them on the guitar. In appreciation for their performance, The Manor provided holiday cookies to the students and chaperones.

The Manor offers assisted living, skilled nursing and rehabilitation services in addition to long-term care in a home-like and caring environment. Its many life-enrichment activities—such as the vocal performance of the Bishop Marshall School students—make a difference in the daily lives of the residents.

Blue Army gathering

BURLINGTON—The World Apostolate of Fatima (“Blue Army”) will meet at The Catholic Center at the University of Vermont in St. Augustine Chapel on Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

A Vatican-approved public association of the faithful, it serves the upper Vermont area through propagation of Our Lady’s messages given to three shepherd children at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. All are welcome. Call Clairette at 878-3214 or Jerry at 482-2057 for information and carpool help.

Country breakfast

UNDERHILL CENTER—The St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #7810 will sponsor a Country Breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 22, from 8-11 a.m. in the parish hall. The buffet-style breakfast will include juice, fruit, eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon, home fries and coffee or tea. The cost is by donation. Call the church office at 899-4632 for more information.

Chicken and biscuit dinner

UNDERHILL CENTER—St. Thomas Church will host its annual Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on Sunday, Jan. 29, in the parish hall. The dinner will be served buffet style from 4-6:30 p.m. The menu will include chicken and gravy, biscuits, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, peas, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, dessert and beverages. Take out will be available. The cost is by donation. No reservations are needed. For more information, call the church office at 899-4632.



Father Francis Prive, pastor of Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Morrisville, blesses Bishop John A. Marshall School teacher Jeff Handler. The school community was privileged to share in the Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation of the physical education teacher. BJAMS Head of School Carrie Wilson was honored to be his sponsor.

Fete des Rois

BURLINGTON—Fete des Rois is an important feast in France. In the United States, most people think of it as the Feast of the Epiphany, and in both France and America, the date for this feast is Jan. 6. Churches celebrate this feast on the Sunday closest to this date. This feast commemorates, as recorded in Scripture, the visit of the three Magi (wise men) to the Infant Jesus.

One of the traditional practices of the Fete des Rois in France is the baking of a special cake into which has been hidden a special item and then sharing the cake with others. Whoever finds the item in his/her cake is crowned king or queen.

At Mater Christi School, each French class celebrated the feast on Jan. 6 with cakes baked by a teacher or a parent. The hidden item in each cake was a bean.

Grade 2 had the special privilege of having one of its classmate's mothers, who comes from France, bake three cakes in the traditional method. Beatrice Girard was born in Gap, France, and at the request of her son, second grader, Julien Buttolph, she came to school and, using a map, pointed out the area of France where she was born and then explained to the students the traditions surrounding Fete des Rois.

Shortly after everyone had been served slices of the cake, three students found beans in their pieces and were crowned by their teacher.

Mater Christi School Open House

BURLINGTON—There will be an open house at Mater Christi School on Tuesday, Jan. 31, from 8:30-11 a.m.

Visitors will tour classrooms, meet teachers and staff and experience Mater Christi's state-of-the-art science laboratory and cutting-edge technology program.

Call 658-3992 if interested or for more information.

Mater Christi's new Afterschool Enrichment Program accommodates working parents' schedules by providing a variety of classes, including martial arts, yoga, beginning Mandarin and more.

Visit www.mcschool.org to learn more.

Singer/songwriter at Bishop Marshall School

MORRISVILLE—Courtesy of The Bishop John A. Marshall School's PTO, Vermont singer/songwriter Jon Gailmor performed in concert recently for students and family members alike. This engaging entertainer uses humor and audience participation in his concerts.

News Around the Diocese

Mass in the Extraordinary Form celebrated in St. Albans

ST. ALBANS—The Latin Mass (Mass in the Extraordinary Form or Tridentine Mass) according to the 1962 Roman Missal of Blessed John XXIII, is celebrated at Immaculate Conception (St. Mary) Church on the third Sunday of the month at 10:30 a.m. as well as most Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. For more information call St. Mary's at 527-7775, or e-mail latinmassvt@live.com.

Marriage Day

BURLINGTON—The diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day is Sunday, Feb. 5. Bishop Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Burlington, will celebrate the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral in Burlington.

Sister of St. Joseph

Stella Burke's 100th birthday

HOLYOKE, MASS.—Longtime Vermont resident Sister of St. Joseph Stella Marie Burke (formerly Sister St. Gregory) celebrated her 100th birthday Jan. 5 at the Mont Marie Health Care Center.

Sister Burke taught for more than 30 years in schools in the Diocese of including St. Peter School and Mount St. Joseph Academy in Rutland; St. Charles School, Bellows Falls; St. Michael School, Brattleboro; and St. Francis de Sales School, Bennington. She also served on the library staff of the College of St. Joseph in Rutland. She was assistant archivist for the Congregational Archives. She is retired at Mont Marie Health Care Center.

When asked what advice she would have regarding her longevity, she replied, "Always be kind, be thoughtful in deeds and think of others; those things are important."

Sister Burke was born in Laconia, N.H., and entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Vermont from Sacred Heart Parish in Bennington in 1937.

The Vermont Sisters and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Springfield reunified in 2001.



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Mount 2000

EMMITSBURG, Md.—"The Light Shines in the Darkness" is the theme of the Feb. 10-12 Mount 2000. All Teens in grades 9-12 are welcome. The retreat is an opportunity to discover with 2,000 other teens the truth of the Catholic faith presented by the seminarians of Mount St. Mary Seminary. A coach bus will leave from St. Johnsbury at 7 a.m. Friday, Feb. 10, and return Sunday night, Feb. 12. Other locations may be added along the I-91 corridor. Registration fee is \$65, and the cost for the bus is \$100 for both attendees and chaperones. Call Hope Kennedy at 846-5813 or Beth Doherty at 846-5814 for reservations.

Knights of Columbus Scholarships

The Knights of Columbus Vermont State Council announces its 42nd annual Scholastic Achievement Awards Program with five \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded this year.

Sons and daughters of a Knight of Columbus in good standing in a subordinate council within the Vermont jurisdiction are eligible. Sons and daughters of deceased members are also eligible if their father was in good standing at the time of his death.

An applicant may be a member of the Knights of Columbus or a member of a Columbian Squires Circle in the jurisdiction of Vermont and a high school senior qualifying to graduate in June 2012.

All applications must be post marked by Feb. 15; see your pastor for an application.

Project Rachel

Research shows that abortion harms women in spiritual, physical and psychological ways. Project Rachel is a post-abortion healing ministry that focuses on one-on-one pastoral care with particular attention to the importance of spiritual healing. Professionals with specialized training in this important ministry are available to work with both women and men who are suffering as a result of an abortion. There are also retreats that offer more in-depth pastoral care. If you or someone you know is suffering as a result of abortion, find healing. Call 1-888-456-HOPE or e-mail projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org.