This past May the Diocese of Burlington formally entered a partnership agreement with St. Joseph College in Maine.

According to Deacon Phil Lawson, Diocesan Director of Evangelization & Catechesis, this is another opportunity for people in the diocese to equip themselves to be the “missionary disciples” for which Pope Francis is calling. “The more opportunities we can offer to inspire and equip people to live out the call of the New Evangelization as missionary disciples, the better. Providing offerings such as St. Joseph College’s online theology courses, the new Lay Formation Program, and the Bosco Conference at Steubenville for our Directors of Religious Education (DREs) and catechists will only help to make our parishes more vibrant.”

Located in Standish, Maine, St. Joseph College has developed a robust online theology program, making it easily accessible, and especially helpful given Vermont’s geographical challenges.

St. Joseph College offers both individual course options as well as full degree programs.

This agreement secures a waiver of the new student application fee for any individual in the Diocese of Burlington as well as a 10% discount on tuition.

For more information on this opportunity, please take a look at what Saint Joseph College offers at sjcme.edu/online or contact Dcn. Phil Lawson, Director of Evangelization & Catechesis for the Diocese of Burlington at plawson@vermontcatholic.org or 802-658-6110 x1453.

“St. Joseph’s College online theology programs are based on the philosophy that effective ministry requires a solid theological foundation, grounded in solid Catholic doctrine, with a deep spiritual and pastoral orientation. The online theology faculty embodies this philosophy. Rooted in and professing fidelity to the teachings of Jesus Christ and the doctrines and heritage of the Roman Catholic Church, all Saint Joseph College online theology courses take seriously the relationship between the spiritual and the intellectual, between faith and reason.”

— Saint Joseph College
UPCOMING EVENTS

08|06
St. Peter’s Free Community Meal
St. Peter, Vergennes
5 - 6:30 pm
Serving soft tacos and hard shell tacos, red beans and rice, and dessert. Beverages will be provided.

08|08, 22
Senior Meals
Saint Jude, Hinesburg
12 - 2 pm
Served on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month

08|09
Summer Reflection Series
Saint Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
11:15 am
Part of the Summer Reflection Series featuring Diocesan and Edmundite Clergy, Rev. Stanley Deresienski, S.S.E., will present, “Blessed are the Peacemakers.” Program begins with Mass at 11:15 am, followed by topic presentation and lunch.

08|10
Chicken Pie Supper
St. Michael, Greensboro Bend
5 - 6:30 pm
Serving soft tacos and hard shell tacos, red beans and rice, and dessert. Beverages will be provided.

08|13
Spanish Mass & Confessions
La Salette Shrine, Enfield, NH
2:30 - 4 pm
Fr. John Patrick Sullivan, M.S., who served as a missionary in Argentina for many years, is available for Confessions in Spanish before and after the Spanish Mass. There will be refreshments after Mass.
FOR MORE INFO: http://www.lasaletteofenfield.org

08|15
175th Anniversary of the Society of St. Edmund
Saint Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
11:15 am & 7 pm
Mass for the Opening Celebration for the 175th Anniversary of the Society of Saint Edmund, and also the Feast of the Assumption. Candlelight procession following 7 pm Mass.

08|15
Contemplating Creation: A Pilgrimage and Retreat
Saint Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
1 - 5 pm
This pilgrimage retreat is inspired by the writings of Pope Francis in “Laudato Si’: Care for Our Common Home” and informed by scripture, story and personal reflection as participants contemplate creation and encounter God in the created world. Wear comfortable shoes for walking and bring water, snacks, notebook. This is a Year of Creation event sponsored by the Diocese of Burlington and St. John Vianney Parish. Retreat guide is Carol A. Fournier, spiritual director and founder of Silver Dove Institute.
FOR MORE INFO: St. John Vianney (802) 864-4166

08|16
Summer Reflection Series
Saint Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
11:15 am

09|19
Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola
Saint Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
7 pm
The Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola from Saint Michael’s College, under the direction of Dr. William Tortolano, will provide music for the 7:00 pm Mass.

08|23
Summer Reflection Series
Saint Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
11:15 am

09|01 – 10|04
Season of Creation
Christians around the world are invited to pray and care for creation between September 1, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

09|30
Action for Ecological Justice: Celebrating a Year of Creation
Saint Michael’s College, Colchester
10 am - 5 pm
Join Bishop Coyne at a main event of the Year of Creation. A keynote address by Dr. Carolyn Woo (former CEO & president of Catholic Relief Services) will be followed by sessions on local and global issues related to Pope Francis’ encyclical, “Laudato Si’: Care for Our Common Home.”
FOR MORE INFO: vermontcatholic.org/actionforecojustice

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DID YOU KNOW that there are 90 Catholic Cemeteries in the Diocese of Burlington, with approximately 510 total acres? The oldest is St. Joseph Cemetery in Burlington (1830). The most recent is St. Edward Cemetery in Derby Line (1945). Learn about the cemetery ministry supported by the Bishop’s #AnnualAppeal from Bob Brown, Director of Catholic Cemeteries for the Diocese of Burlington at bishopsappealvt.org.