The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Burlington is launching an initiative for promoting and building a culture of vocations. Because the home is the primary place where culture is created, this program seeks to bring the Church’s vision for all vocations to parents and children.

For one week each, families at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Swanton and St. Louis Church in Highgate Center have piloted the program during the past year.

“The Vocation Chalice Program allowed our family the opportunity to pause and pray,” commented Nicole Gadouas of Swanton. “During our week, we chose to pray each evening before dinner. Our children were excited to read the daily prayers and make it part of our time as a family. The opportunity allowed us to have the presence of our faith in our busy weekly lives in addition to church on Sunday.”

**Why a Vocation Chalice?**

God creates each person with a vocation, a plan for how he or she will be called to love others. The chalice that is used for the program is emblematic of the Mass and the Eucharist, where Jesus Christ becomes truly present upon the altar under the forms of bread and wine. Jesus calls us to our vocations, as He is both the origin and destiny of every vocation and every person.

**How does it work?**

A parish that would like to implement the Vocation Chalice Program would, with the pastor, contact the Vocation Office. First, a chalice is selected for use, either from the parish or Diocesan archives. Next, the parish receives the Vocation Chalice Program materials, which include a booklet with a brief daily catechesis and prayers for the family. Finally, a plan for implementation is created.

If you are interested in hosting the Vocation Chalice Program in your parish, please consult your pastor, and upon his approval, contact Father Jon Schnobrich in the Vocations Office: 802-658-6110 ext. 1175 or vocations@vermontcatholic.org.
08|19 Vermont Gregorian Chant Schola
Saint Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte
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|20 St. Mary's Church Brunch
St. Mary, Franklin
9 am - 12:30 pm
Price: adults $9, children 7-16 yrs. $5, 6 and under Free. All You Can Eat! 50/50 Raffle-Tickets available at the Brunch.
FOR MORE INFO: (802) 933-2496 or (802) 285-6730

08|20 Queenship of Mary Feast Day and Annual Picnic
St. Norbert, Hardwick
9:30 am
Bishop Christopher Coyne will celebrate Mass at 9:30 am, and the festivities will begin in the Julien Room immediately after Mass, with food and entertainment.
FOR MORE INFO: Call the rectory at (802) 899-4632.

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

08|23 Summer Reflection Series
Saint Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte
11:15 am

08|25, 26, 27 St. Thomas Parish Yard Sale
St. Thomas, Underhill Center
9 am - 5 pm
This 3-day yard sale will feature housewares, sporting goods, furniture, dishes, toys, tools and miscellaneous items. The rummage sale will feature fall and winter clothing for children and adults. There will also be a food concession stand. The event takes place rain or shine.
FOR MORE INFO: the rectory at (802) 899-4632.

08|26 Lawn, Lunch and Bake Sale
St. Rose of Lima, South Hero
9 am - 3 pm
FOR MORE INFO: Bette Grennon (802) 372-4092

08|30 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|03 Healing Service
St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington
3 pm
Held the first Sunday of each month, with Fr. Lance Harlow.

09|09 St. Paul’s School Annual Golf Tournament
Barton Golf Club, Barton
$40 per person fee includes golf, meal and prizes. Co-sponsored by Catholic Financial Life and Most Holy Trinity Parish.
FOR MORE INFO: Barb (802) 525-1126.

09|09 Fatima Centennial Vermont Tour for Peace — Sign of the Cross
St. John the Evangelist, Saint Johnsbury
10 am – 12 pm
With the coordination from the Diocese of Burlington and the WAF-Our Lady's Blue Army Vermont, parishioners throughout Vermont will be able to take part of World's celebration of the Centennial of Grace which will happen at 7 selected churches in Vermont from May through October.

09|09 Chicken Pie Supper
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph
• 5 pm
Adults $10, Kids $5. Take out available.
FOR MORE INFO: Jim Kirkpatrick (802) 276-3014.

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