

NEWS FROM The Inland See

September 2 – 8, 2017

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

40 Days for Life Returns to Vermont

September 27
through
November 5

Changing Hearts and Minds: You can help!

40 Days for Life opening events

September 15, Rutland, 5–7 pm Location TBA

September 23, Burlington, 1–3 pm, St. Anthony Parish Hall

Vermont Vigil sites and times

75 Talcott Road, Williston, 8 am – 8 pm, daily

183 St. Paul Street, Burlington, Prayer on Wednesdays
8 am – 12 pm, Rosaries Tuesdays 6 pm and Fridays 5 pm.
More info: Agnes Clift (802) 310-9520

6 Roberts Avenue, Rutland

More info: Delia Warnecke (802) 287-0354

Sign up for vigil hours online at 40daysforlife.com

Have you ever driven by an abortion clinic and noticed people standing in front praying? What was your reaction? Curiosity? Approval? Discomfort?

It is understandable that some who remember the divisive days of violent clashes in front of abortion clinics may at first be uncomfortable with any public demonstration, however peaceful, at sites where abortions take place. However, attitudes have changed, and “comfort zones” around public witness against abortion have expanded, thanks in part to an annual, nationwide campaign known as 40 Days for Life that is helping to transform hearts and minds about abortion.

40 Days for Life adopts a 3-pronged approach of prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a constant, peaceful vigil at abortion clinic sites over a span of 40 days, a timeframe chosen deliberately because it is one “God uses consistently throughout salvation history to transform His people,” according to the organization’s website. Discomfort has given way to acceptance and even approval as the sight becomes more

commonplace and as more and more people — especially young people — join the ranks of those at prayer.

Why do they do it? “It saves lives,” say leaders, who affirm that prayer and public witness often help change the minds of women scheduled to have abortions. Beyond that, it helps normalize and promote “pro-life” as a mainstream ideology supported by men, women and children of all ages.

40 Days for Life was the brainchild of a small group of Texans who began the first 40-day vigil in 2004. By 2007, they had expanded to become a national campaign spanning 89 cities in 33 states. They have grown to include hosts in all 50 states and dozens of countries across six continents. 40 Days

for Life came to Vermont in 2009, and has continued every autumn since then in the Burlington area, expanding to include a host site in Rutland last year.

Again this year, Catholics are expected to form the largest block of supporters of the 2017 40 Days for Life Campaign in Vermont. Individual participants and service groups are encouraged to sign up online to participate in one or more vigil hours of prayer at one of the host sites. 40 Days organizers say they will provide mentor help for groups or individuals signing up for the first time, and that those who register on the website will receive an email reminder and an outline of guidelines in advance. Visit 40daysforlife.com for more information.

ACTION FOR ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE

Celebrating a Year of Creation

September 30 • 10 AM – 5 PM • St. Michael’s College

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/actionforecojustice



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Submit your event to the diocesan calendar!
vermontcatholic.org/calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS



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|10 St. Luke's Annual Children's Carnival

St. Luke, Fairfax • 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Hosted by the Fairfax Knights of Columbus: Games, Food, Prizes & Fun, open to all ages! Earn a ticket for playing and a ticket for winning! Tickets can be used to purchase prizes! Cost: \$3 per child or \$10 per family. Enjoy a yummy hot dog with a drink for \$1.



09|14, 21, 28, 10|05, 12, 19, 26, 11|02 Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Fair Haven
6:30 - 7:30 pm

"Unlocking The Mystery Of The Bible," an eight-part study featuring Jeff Cavins, will be presented Sept. 14 to Nov. 2. Cost of \$20 includes a session overview, talk notes, discussion questions and Bible timeline chart.

FOR MORE INFO: Paul Turnley, pturnley@aol.com, (802) 645-0955; Rosie Doran, Rosemarieadoran@yahoo.com, (802) 265-8635; or Father Vincent Odoemenam (802) 265-3135.



09|15 - 17 Cursillo Renewal Weekend

Mountain Meadows, Killington
7 pm

Calling all Cursillistas! Come join us for a weekend of renewal, sharing and community at Mountain Meadows. Time for prayer, inspirational talks and recommitment to Christ. \$210 for the weekend stay and \$75 for Saturday only.

FOR MORE INFO: Tom Kanya (802) 878-6152 for registration info.



09|16 Catechist Formation Day

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury
9 am - 1 pm

Following the success of last year, we are excited to offer this year's Regional Catechist Formation days across the diocese. This half-day program is specifically aimed at our catechists, coordinators, and directors of religious education. Pastors are more than welcome to join as well! Participants will attend workshops of their choice — ranging from learning more about the faith to how to engage parents in the parish — and have the opportunity to network and share best practices with other catechists around the state. Light breakfast fare and a lunch will be provided.

FOR MORE INFO: Lori Daudelin at ldaudelin@vermont-catholic.org.



09|18, 25, 10|16, 23 Adult Enrichment: "Laudato Si"

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
9:45 - 11 am or 7 - 8:15 pm

This four session adult enrichment series will study and share insights in regard to Pope Francis' Encyclical *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*.

FOR MORE INFO: Wilma Johnson johnsonwa7@msc.com, (802) 681-7290



09|25 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

St. John Vianney, South Burlington
7 pm

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program educates and forms adults in the Catholic faith. If you or someone you know wants to become a Catholic or simply wants a better understanding of the Catholic faith, consider participating in the program. Classes will begin on Sept. 20 at 7 pm in the church hall. There is no charge.



09|26, 27, 28 Community Clergy Training to Support Rural Veterans

8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Training topics include: Military culture and the wounds of war, Potential roles of clergy while assisting with Veteran care, VA Suicide Prevention, and Building Community Partnerships. Trainings to be held in Colchester (9/26), Randolph (9/27) and Brattleboro (9/28).

FOR MORE INFO: Ben Kaler, Veterans Experience Office, Benjamin.kaler@va.gov, (603) 722-5843



09|28 Screening of Outcasts, a Grassroots Film

Davis Center at UVM, Burlington • 7:30 pm

Prior to the screening, there will be a Holy Hour with the Friars at The Catholic Center at UVM at 6 pm. Following the film, there will be a Q & A with one of the Executive Producers and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The event is free, however, tickets are required and can be picked up at The Catholic Center or Joseph's House.

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- Rice Memorial High School — Substitute Teacher Positions
- Rice Memorial High School — Assistant Coach, Boys' Prep Hockey

FOR MORE INFO:
vermontcatholic.org/careers

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL REPORT

The September issue of Vermont Catholic Magazine will herald the start of a new distribution system. All who have donated \$24 or more to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal will receive a copy of the magazine delivered to their home address. Each parish will receive a bulk mailing of magazines to be available for those who have not donated to the appeal. Watch for these and share them with family and friends, especially those who cannot get to the church. For those parishes still using the communication envelopes, these funds will help pay for the copies your friends and neighbors may not be able to afford. Ask your pastor if you cannot find the magazine in your parish.

