The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry is gearing up for another busy year.

A successful, third annual Vermont Catholic Youth Serve event took place June 22-24 in Burlington. Nearly 50 teens and adults served throughout the greater Burlington area volunteering to do direct outreach to the poor and elderly, paint a church, serve at the Ronald McDonald House and clean gravestones at Our Lady of the Rosary Cemetery, among other things.

From July 13-15, more than 100 teens and adult chaperones will attend the Steubenville East High School Youth Conference in Lowell, Massachusetts. Lives are always touched and transformed on this weekend, so please pray for our young people.

Fall rallies are scheduled for Oct. 6 and 7 in Derby Line and Burlington; winter rallies are scheduled for Feb. 10 in St. Johnsbury and Barre; a big event is set for March 15 in Brattleboro when nationally known singer and performer Michael Mette and his family will visit St. Michael Parish.

There will be at least two Confirmation retreats this year — Nov. 17-18 near Wilmington and March 23-24 at St. Anne’s Shrine in Isle La Motte.

A leadership weekend done in tandem with the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, will take place the weekend of Sept. 28-30 at Saranac Lake in the Adirondack Mountains.

In addition, the Diocese of Burlington will sponsor a “Life is Precious” trip to Washington, D.C., the weekend of Jan.17-20. This very successful event from past years will again include a visit to the National Basilica, outreach to the elderly and homeless, connections with other youth groups and the annual March for Life down Constitution Avenue.

“Deeper Waters,” youth ministry training workshops, will begin in late August. They will be offered throughout the state by Father Jon Schnobrich, Father Matthew Rensch, Father Dwight Baker, Father Jack Peterson and me. Workshops are open to anyone seeking to strengthen his/her own personal outreach and effectiveness in ministering to youth.

The new St. John Bosco Project is a parish-focused initiative in which parishes examine, assess and plan how to best serve youth and young adults in their particular local communities. The pastoral plans that develop will be manifold, creating benchmarks and specific goals for all members of the parish community. A number of parishes have already begun this process, and we hope more will participate in the coming months.

A young adult retreat (for ages 18-39) is scheduled for Sept. 22-23 at the Dumaine Retreat Center in Jacksonville. Father Jon Schnobrich will be the spiritual director for this weekend. Young adults from the Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts, and the Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire, are expected to join young adults from the Diocese of Burlington.

There is much more, but this is a sampling of what is happening in youth ministry here in the Diocese of Burlington. Thank you for your prayers and support!

— Bill Gavin, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Diocese of Burlington
UPCOMING EVENTS

7/15-20 SUNDAY-FRIDAY
Totus Tuus
St. Ambrose, Bristol
St. Michael, Brattleboro
Join us for Totus Tuus 2018! Programs for high school and grade school students. For a complete list of hosting parishes please see vermontcatholic.org.

07/16 - 20 MONDAY-FRIDAY
Vacation Bible School
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction
9 am - 12 pm
This is a program that blends fun and faith enrichment for our youngest disciples. We will make an imaginary trip back in time to learn about another formative period of our Christian faith. We will learn about some of the famous saints who lived during the period of 350-550 AD. Program is appropriate for ages 5 through fifth grade. Younger children are welcome but must be supervised by an adult or guardian at all times.
FOR MORE INFO: (802) 878-5331 x202, john.mcmahon@hfslvt.org

07/18 WEDNESDAY
Summer Reflection Series
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
11:15 am - 2 pm
Edmundite Father Michael Carter presenting, “Praying with the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.” Mass, followed by presentation and lunch.

07/22-27 SUNDAY-FRIDAY
Totus Tuus
Christ the King, Burlington
Christ the King, Rutland
Join us for Totus Tuus 2018! Programs for high school and grade school students. For a complete list of hosting parishes please see vermontcatholic.org.

07/25 WEDNESDAY
Summer Reflection Series
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
11:15 am - 2 pm

07/28 SATURDAY
Festival of the Islands Flea Market
Amadeus Parish Center, Alburgh
9 am - 2 pm
Craft/vendor/white elephant sale. In addition to a variety of gently used items and homemade crafts, the snack bar will be open. Participants must reserve tables in advance. Fees: $15/8 ft. table; 2 tables for $25.
FOR MORE INFO: Maurice Gauthier (802) 796-4418 or (802) 309-4731.

07/29 - 08/10
Camp Guggenheim Summer 2018
Camp Guggenheim is a summer camp for teens in the Adirondack Mountains on Lower Saranac Lake. Run by the Diocese of Ogdensburg, New York, this camp offers swimming, hiking and praise. The Diocese of Burlington sponsors transportation to the following: July 29 to Aug. 3 (for 13-15 year olds), Aug. 5-10 (for teens ages 16-18). Cost: $300

7/29-8/03 SUNDAY-FRIDAY
Totus Tuus
Sacred Heart – St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
Mater Dei, Newport
Join us for Totus Tuus 2018! Programs for high school and grade school students. For a complete list of hosting parishes please see vermontcatholic.org.

07/21 SATURDAY
Catholic Daughters of the Americas Summer Sale
St. Anthony, Bethel
9 am - 2 pm
Featuring crafts, baked goods, white elephant items, raffle.
FOR MORE INFO: (802) 234-5605.

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS
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• Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis: St. Luke/Ascension Parish, Fairfax
• Executive Director of Human Resources
• Superintendent of Schools
• Vermont Catholic Charities: Counselor/Psychotherapist Position
• Youth Ministry: St. Peter, Vergennes and St. Ambrose, Bristol
FOR MORE INFO: vermontcatholic.org/careers

To see more events or to submit your event to the diocesan calendar: vermontcatholic.org/events

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL
Diocesan Youth Ministry rallies and retreats include spring and winter rally weekends, concert and vocations nights, the annual Life is Precious trip to Washington, D.C., Steubenville conferences and more! Be sure to sign up for these awesome events this year and support opportunities for youth faith engagement with a gift to #BishopsAppealVT at bishopsappealvt.org.

2018

PAID
$1,038,993
58.3%

PLEDGED
$1,451,386
53.67%

GOAL $2,709,944
(as of June 25, 2018)

2018

Year of the Family CONGRESS
August 25, 2018
9:30AM - 4PM
Capital Plaza Center, Montpelier

REGISTRATION AND INFO:
vermontcatholic.org/YearoftheFamilyConference