Reflecting Pope Francis’ call to share the good news of the family, this premier event of the diocesan Year of the Family will equip individuals with resources and strategies to more effectively support and reach out to members of their parish communities. The effort is inspired by the pope’s apostolic exhortation, “The Joy of Love” (“Amoris Laetitia”). “There is a strong need to equip people for ministry at the local parish and community levels to be agents of outreach, healing and support,” explained Deacon Phil Lawson, executive director of evangelization, catechesis, divine worship, marriage and family and respect life for the Diocese of Burlington. It is hoped that every parish in the Diocese will send at least two people to the conference. All are welcome at this daylong, diocesan event. For more information and to register, visit vermontcatholic.org/YearoftheFamilyConference.

MORNING KEYNOTE
Lisa Lickona, editor for saints at Magnificat
Mercy in the Heart of the Family
Family life seems to promise love and joy, yet often families fall short of the ideal. Is joy possible even amid brokenness and suffering? The answer lies not in what we do, but in accepting what God has done for us. In her keynote address, wife and mother Lisa Lickona will help us rediscover God’s unexpected mercies.

AFTERNOON KEYNOTE
Simcha Fisher, author of “The Sinner’s Guide to Natural Family Planning”
The Family As Icon
All families are icons — not so much in their polished perfection but in their ability to draw everyone who sees them closer to God. We serve God and one another well and rediscover beauty when we reject the pressure to present a pretty exterior and are honest about the joys, sorrows, failures and triumphs of family life and when we make it easier for others to be honest about their lives. This talk includes concrete suggestions for how to let God use real family life as a tool for salvation.

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:
Act Naturally: Positively Sharing the Church’s Vision of Marriage & Family
Presenter: Derek McDonald, director of family life ministries and respect life, Diocese of Manchester, New Hampshire

Can I be a Mary in a Martha Stewart World?
Presenter: Lisa Lickona, editor for saints at Magnificat

Concrete Ways to Support and Strengthen Marriages in Your Parish
Presenter: Deacon Phil Lawson, executive director of evangelization, catechesis, divine worship, marriage and family and respect life, Diocese of Burlington

Creating a Culture of Vocations
Presenter: Father Jon Schnobrich, director of vocations, Diocese of Burlington

Facing Challenges of Our Culture Today
Presenter: Father Jon Schnobrich, director of vocations, Diocese of Burlington

From a Day to a Lifetime: How to Support Children in DCF custody and their Families
Presenters: Cathy Frost and Meghan Flanders, resource coordinators, Department for Children and Families

Nourishing the Domestic Church: Family Catechesis in the Parish and the Home
Presenter: Ann Gonyaw, director of religious education, Mater Dei Parish, Newport

Panel on parishes successfully welcoming and serving families in Vermont
Panelists: John McMahon, Eileen Kendall and Jennifer and Michael Keliher
Moderator: Michael Hagan, coordinator of religious education and catechesis, Diocese of Burlington

Supporting Couples who use NFP: How to Help and What to Avoid
Presenter: Simcha Fisher, author of “The Sinner’s Guide to Natural Family Planning”

Unlocking the Liturgy for Children (and Adults): The Art of Celebration
Presenter: Josh Perry, director of worship, Diocese of Burlington
Camp Guggenheim 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

Tots Tuus
Sacred Heart – St. Francis de Sales, Bennington Mater Dei, Newport
Join us for Tots Tuus 2018! Programs for high school and grade school students. For a complete list of hosting parishes please see vermontcatholic.org.

Summer Reflection Series
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
11:15 am - 2 pm
Edmundite Father Lino Oropoeza presenting, “Praying with the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary.” Mass, followed by presentation and lunch.

Annual St. Bridget’s Fun Day
St. Bridget, West Rutland
7 am - 5 pm
There will be: Yard Sale and Tent Sale, 25 Basket Raffle, Food Sale, Kid Activities and Car Wash. $5 “Fill-a-bag” at 2:30 pm. Something for everyone!

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction
8 - 9 am
Rosary and reconciliation at 8, followed by Mass at 9.

World Apostolate of Fatima Annual Prayer Day and Picnic
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte • 10:30 am - 3:30 pm
Special intention is for our country and for peace in the world. This year we will celebrate the Mass at 10:30 AM followed by the procession with our state Fatima statue at 11:30 followed by the rosary. The family picnic will follow at around 12:30 PM. At 2:00 PM we plan to do the Stations of the Cross and at 3:00 PM with the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Parish Picnic & Ice Cream Social
Our Lady of the Snows, Woodstock
11:30 am - 1:30 pm
Join us to celebrate Our Lady of the Snows Feast Day at an outdoor BBQ featuring hot dogs, burgers, Italian sausages and a “make your own” ice cream sundae bar. Sign up in person or email pbhregan@gmail.com by Aug 1.

Summer Reflection Series
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte • 11:15 am - 2 pm
Edmundite Father David Cray presenting, “Praying with St. Dominic.” Mass, followed by presentation and lunch.

Padre Pio Mass
Holy Family Church, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am
Rosary and Sacrament of Reconciliation at 8:30, Mass at 9, then adjourn to parish hall for presentation and refreshments.

Closing Celebration for the 175th Anniversary of the Society of St. Edmund
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
11:15 am and 7 pm
Feast of the Assumption and Closing Celebration, with a Mass at 11:15 am, Mass in the evening at 7 pm followed by the traditional candlelight procession. All welcome.

Mass and Bingham Falls Hike
Stowe • 9:30 am
Father Jon Schnobrich, vocation director for the Diocese of Burlington, will celebrate Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe at 9:30 am, followed by a hike to Bingham Falls. Bring a bag lunch and good hiking shoes. The Mass and hike are follow-up activities to the Steubenville Conference, but anyone is welcome.

FOR MORE INFO: Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry (802) 658-6110 x1130 or 1240.

Summer Reflection Series
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
11:15 am - 2 pm

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BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal provides $1.2 million in in-kind diocesan support to operate Vermont Catholic Charities, including four assisted living residences, which house one of the highest Medicaid populations in the state. Support this important social ministry with a gift at bishopsappealvt.org.

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St. Augustine Catholic Parish, Montpelier: Director of Religious Education
Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales, Bennington: Part-time Coordinator of Catholic Youth Ministry and Evangelization
For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers