In the Bible, mountains have always been places of encounter with God. Think of Moses and the 10 Commandments; Elijah and the still, quiet voice of God; and our Lord Jesus being transfigured in glory before His disciples. Here in the Green Mountain State we are building a culture of vocations in our parishes, in our schools and in our homes, where the open ears and hearts of young people can prayerfully ponder, “Lord, what are you calling me to? How am I to make a gift of myself to the world?”

Are you looking for a fun, free, faith-filled way for your family to enjoy some time together at the end of the summer? Please join me on Friday, August 17, at 9:30 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe for Mass to promote a culture of vocations in the Diocese of Burlington followed by a hike up to Bingham Falls. This event is open to the whole family and is a way that we, as the faithful of Vermont, can do something fun together to support vocations. No RSVP needed — just show up at 9:30 a.m. ready to pray and hike. Bring your own bagged lunch.

“Come, let us climb the mountain of the Lord!” Isaiah 2:3

— Fr. Jon Schnobrich, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Burlington
UPCOMING EVENTS

**08|15 WEDNESDAY**
**Closing Celebration for the 175th Anniversary of the Society of St. Edmund**
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 11:15am & 7pm
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.

**08|15 WEDNESDAY**
**St. Ambrose Lawn Party & Chicken Barbecue**
St. Ambrose, Bristol • 5 - 8:30 pm
Held on the green. Chicken barbeque, pie contest and sale, fried dough, baked goods, white elephant table, face painting.

**08|17 FRIDAY**
**St. Thomas Fall Yard and Rummage Sale**
St. Thomas, Underhill • 9 am - 5 pm
Featuring housewares, dishes, toys, miscellaneous items, and, perhaps, a surprise or two. Rummage sale will feature fall and winter clothing for children and adults. Also a food concession stand. Rain or shine.

**FOR MORE INFO: rectory (802) 899-4632.**

**08|17 FRIDAY**
**Mass and Bingham Falls Hike**
Blessed Sacrament, 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.**

**08|17 FRIDAY**
**Knights of Columbus Auction**
Kings of Columbus Hall, Hardwick • 7 - 9 pm
Pre-owned and New items; gifts & services from local businesses. Items needing pickup, call Joe at (802) 586-2899, Bear at (802) 472-5501 or Richard at (802) 472-8282

**08|18 SATURDAY**
**Youth Ministry Training — Interactive YM**
Holy Family, Essex • 9 am - 12 pm
3 hour long workshop on practical and fun ideas to engage today’s young people. Open to anyone seeking to develop practical skills for reaching youth. Come ready to have some fun! This workshop is part of ongoing youth ministry trainings happening all over Vermont this year. Please RSVP to wgavin@vermontcatholic.org

**08|19 SUNDAY**
**Feast of the Assumption Picnic**
Mount St. Joseph Academy, Rutland • 12-2 pm
Picnic will feature hot dogs, hamburgers, Italian sausage, salads, soda, dessert and more. There will be music, children's activities, best cookie contest, make your own sundae cookies and other delicacies for sale! Cost is $6 per person – $15 per family – children under 5 are free. All proceeds will go to the Calvary Cemetery Fund.

**08|22 WEDNESDAY**
**Summer Reflection Series**
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 11:15 am - 2 pm

**08|23 THURSDAY**
**MSJ Summer Barbecue and Open House**
Mt. St. Joseph Academy, Rutland • 6 - 8 pm
The Athletic Association is hosting it’s annual back-to-school BBQ for all MSJ families to kick off the 2018-2019 school year. This event is a great way to meet our new students and incoming families and mingle with returning families and friends. The MSJ Parent Information night will also be held on the 23rd, prior to the BBQ at 5 pm in the MSJ Chapel.

**FOR MORE INFO: (802) 775-0151**

**08|29 WEDNESDAY**
**Summer Reflection Series**
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 11:15 am - 2 pm
Edmundite Father Richard Berube presenting, “Treasures from the Edmundite Archives and the Stories They Tell.” Mass, followed by presentation and lunch.

**08|25 SATURDAY**
**Year of the Family Conference**
Capital Plaza Conference Center, Montpelier 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
The Diocese of Burlington will host a Year of the Family Conference aspiring to equip parish leaders with tools and resources to more effectively support and reach out to families and individuals in their parishes and in their communities, as inspired by Pope Francis’ apostolic exhortation, “The Joy of Love” (“Amoris Laetitia”). Continental breakfast, coffee and lunch provided. To learn more and register: vermontcatholic.org/event/year-of-the-family-conference/

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Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales, Bennington: Part-time Coordinator of Catholic Youth Ministry and Evangelization

For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers