It has been an especially challenging time for the Catholic Church with new national and international scandals coming to light and the revisiting of past abuse that has happened within the Church in Vermont. These acts are immoral and evil. Please know that the Diocese of Burlington remains committed to supporting and caring for all survivors of abuse and to making sure this never happens again. As has been the case for the past 16 years, I, along with the clergy, staff and volunteers of the Diocese, will continue to work to ensure safe environments for all God’s people — especially children, youth and vulnerable populations — in which no form of harassment, sexual or otherwise, is tolerated.

Since 2002, the Diocese of Burlington has taken many proactive steps to protect children and all members of our Church family:
✦ Respond promptly allegations by individuals who experienced sexual abuse by a cleric or other Church personnel;
✦ Immediately report the allegations to civil authorities;
✦ Remove any offending cleric from active ministry;
✦ Promote healing and reconciliation and;
✦ Ensure accountability and transparency in all these matters.

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Hope, Healing & Outreach Workshop

for Catholics Who Are Separated or Divorced

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 • 10 am – 3 pm
Saint John Vianney, South Burlington
UPCOMING EVENTS

10/14 SUNDAY
Saint Albans Youth Night
Saint Mary Parish Center, Saint Albans
6 - 9 pm
All teens in 7th – 12th grade are welcome to join us! A night of fun, fellowship and faith. Most nights begin with a good amount of fun, large group games/activities, reflection/talk, small group discussion and prayer. Join a great group of teens from the Franklin County area! All are welcome!

10/17 WEDNESDAY
Mater Christi School Fall Open House
Mater Christi School, Burlington • 8:30 - 11 am
We are a close-knit community and value-centered school where all are welcome! Our school combines rigorous, 21st-century academics with a global philosophy in the Mercy tradition. A Mater Christi education transforms our students’ futures and prepares them to transform our world. Please register to attend our Open House and learn more about our school. You may also call 802-658-3992 to schedule a personal tour or “shadow day” for your child(ren).

10/17, 24 WEDNESDAYS
Nativity Parish, Swanton • 9:30 - 10:30 am
We will begin a new 2-part series called “Priest, Prophet, King”, a Word on Fire Study Program produced by Bishop Robert Barron. We will begin following the 8:30 morning Mass, meeting in room #10 at the Nativity Parish school building. There is no cost and light refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

10/17 WEDNESDAY
Youth Ministry Training — Interactive Youth Ministry
Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Fair Haven
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Interactive Youth Ministry will be a 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. Presented by Bill Gavin, Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Please RSVP to wgavin@vermontcatholic.org.

10/20 SATURDAY
Mount St. Joseph Academy Homecoming
MSJ Academy, Rutland • 8 am - 5 pm
MSJ invites you to come home to MSJ to enjoy a variety of your favorite local foods at the Homecoming and Alumni Weekend reception. Cost is $10 at the door. FOR MORE INFO: Kathy Bove, kbove@msjvermont.org.

10/20 SATURDAY
Catechist Formation Day
Holy Cross, Colchester • 8:30 - 1:30 pm
Join us for a day of Enrichment, Fellowship, and Prayer! Open to all Catechists, Classroom/Program Aides, DRE/PCL’s, and other interested individuals. Please note: Preregistration is requested. www.vermontcatholic.org/event/catechist-formation-day-colchester/

10/20 SATURDAY
Youth Ministry Training — YM 101
Holy Cross Parish Hall, Colchester
1:30 - 3:30 pm
This foundation in Youth Ministry workshop will include an overview of the USCCB document “Renewing the Vision”, as well as basic concepts in Youth Ministry. Presented by Bill Gavin, Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Open to anyone seeking to improve their skills and understanding of Youth Ministry and reaching today’s youth with the Gospel. Please RSVP to wgavin@vermontcatholic.org.

10/20 SATURDAY
St. Sylvester Fall Picnic
St. Sylvester Church Hall, Graniteville
4:30 - 6:00 pm
BBQ chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, potato salad, beverage and make-your-own sundae. Take-outs available by reservation. For Reservations and Take-outs, call by Oct. 15: (802) 479-7706

10/21 SUNDAY
St. Isidore Turkey Dinner
St. Isidore Parish Hall, Montgomery Center
12 pm
Serving from noon until all are served: turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, rolls, squash, peas and cranberry sauce. Pie and beverage included.

10/22, 29, 11/5, 12 MONDAYS
Reflections on the Gospel according to St. Luke
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction
7 - 8 pm
This short course will introduce the Gospel that will be read on the Sundays of the liturgical year 2019 (beginning with the First Sunday of Advent, December 2, 2018). The title for the series is taken from St. Luke’s own prologue to his Gospel (Lk1:3). It expresses both his purpose in writing and our own interest in studying his work.

Thank you to all who have generously given to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal in support of the Vermont Catholic community and the many ministries that it provides throughout the state. There is still time to make your gift at bishopsappealvt.org

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