You are invited to attend this free, one-day workshop on ministry with those who have been affected by separation or divorce. The event is part of the Diocesan Year of the Family.

One of the frequent topics brought up during this Diocesan Year of the Family is ministry and healing with those who have experienced separation or divorce in their marriages. This was something the Diocesan Year of the Family Steering Committee wanted to prioritize, specifically in raising awareness, clearing up misconceptions and providing parishes with resources for this ministry.

“What is urgently needed today is a ministry to care for those whose marital relationship has broken down.”

—Amoris Laetitia #238

Pope Francis sought to encourage this in his exhortation, “The Joy of Love,” in calling for outreach and ministry with those affected by separation or divorce. Unfortunately, too often the result of this circumstance is not ministry from but estrangement from the Church community.

Duffy is one of the foremost experts and speakers in the country on the topic of healing and ministry dealing with the tragedy of divorce. Having experienced the tragedy of an unwanted divorce in the early 1990’s, she also has nearly 20 years of personal experience helping people rebuild their lives after divorce. She is the author of many books on divorce recovery and has instituted the Journey of Hope program for Catholic divorce support groups in parishes throughout the United States and Canada. More information about her can be found at lisaduffy.com.

The judicial vicar for the Diocese of Burlington, Father Luke Austin, who handles annulment cases for the Diocese, also will present.

Anyone with a heart for this healing ministry of accompaniment, including those who have experienced this trial, as well as clergy and parish leaders, is welcome to attend this free, one-day workshop.

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/separateddivorcedworkshop.

For more information, contact Deacon Phil Lawson at (802) 658-6110 x1453 or plawson@vermontcatholic.org.

—Deacon Phil Lawson is the executive director of evangelization, catechesis, divine worship, marriage and family and respect life for the Diocese of Burlington.
10/27 SATURDAY
Exploring Our Faith Fair
Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Junction
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
For Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls ages 5 – 11. $5 per person. There will be games, prizes, a scavenger hunt and a bake sale. RSVP by Oct. 20 to Vermontcatholicscouting@gmail.com or call (802) 862-5109.

10/27 SATURDAY
Youth Ministry 101 Training
St. John the Evangelist, St Johnsbury
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

10/27 SATURDAY
Catholic Teachings on the End of Life
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
4 - 7:00 pm
Please join Physicians and Healthcare Workers for a “White Mass” followed by a reception (food provided) with a talk given by Rev. J. Daniel Mindling, OFM, Cap. on quality care at the end of life. All welcome to attend either or both events. Please RSVP to bennycath@comcast.net

10/27 SATURDAY
Roast Pork Supper
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph
5:00 pm
Roast pork, apple stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, maple glazed carrots and a variety of delicious home-made pies. Adults $12, kids $5.

10/27 SATURDAY
St. Ann Farm Harvest Dinner
St. Ann, Milton
5:30 - 7:30 pm
Sponsored by the Milton Knights of Columbus. Baked ham, homemade baked beans, squash, potatoes, apple & pumpkin pies. Adults $14, students $10, seniors $12, kids under 6 free, Immediate Family Max. $48. Take Outs Available

10/28 SUNDAY
Ham Dinner
Our Lady of Fatima, Craftsbury
12 - 1:30 pm
Menu: ham, mashed potatoes, beans, cole slaw, picled beets, rolls, dessert & beverage. Cost: donations.

10/28 SUNDAY
Jay Peak Clips and Reels Event
Jay Peak
2 - 3:30 pm
Join other teens from around northern Vermont for a fun event at Jay Peak Clips and Reels Rec Center. Contact Bill Gavin at wgavin@vermontcatholic.org or call 802-658-6110 ext. 1240

UPCOMING EVENTS