Vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, holy matrimony, consecrated life and dedicated single life are central to the life of the Church and the salvation of souls; these vocations must be prayerfully discerned. This upcoming week, Nov. 4-10, is National Vocation Awareness Week during which parishes and schools come together to pray for, educate and encourage young people to open their hearts and minds to what God’s will is for their lives.

It is both a privilege and a responsibility of all in the Church — priests, deacons, laity, parents, etc. — to help build a culture of vocations in which the faithful can hear and respond to the voice of God. “Responding to God’s call means allowing Him to help us leave ourselves and our false security behind and to strike out on the path which leads to Jesus Christ, the origin and destiny of our life and our happiness,” Pope Francis said.

National Vocation Awareness Week is intended to promote vocation awareness and to encourage youth to ask, “God, what do you want for my life?” We have to help others to recognize the movements of the Holy Spirit interiorly and to follow Christ without reservation. Even by simply inviting another to “think and pray about it, our enthusiasm and willingness to speak directly to others about vocations just might be the conversation that someone needed to respond to God’s call,” said Bishop Michael Burbidge of Arlington, Virginia.

Studies show that the community of faith is critical for the discernment of young people who are considering a vocation. “Over and over again when asked, newly ordained priests and newly professed men and women religious credit the encouragement of family members, coworkers, friends and clergy as being a significant factor in their pursuing a vocation,” said Father Ralph O’Donnell, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ executive director of clergy, consecrated life and vocations.

This week, remember to pray for an increase of vocations in the Diocese of Burlington to priesthood, holy matrimony, consecrated life and dedicated single life and also say something to someone to encourage him or her to think and pray about what God’s call might be.

—Father Jon Schnobrich is the director of vocations for the Diocese of Burlington.
11|05 MONDAY
Mass in Spanish
St. Michael's College, Colchester • 7:30 pm
Es con un poco de anticipación que se les participa que la próxima misa en español tendrá lugar el día, lunes 5 de noviembre, a las 19h30, en la capilla de San Miguel Arcángel, en Saint Michael's College. Las oraciones y lecturas que se van adoptar para esta misa correspondan a la celebración de Todos Los Fieles Difuntos. Dichas oraciones y lecturas se encuentran en las páginas 235 y 236 del Missal del Día. Todos están cordialmente invitados. Se nos dará un placer muy grande darles la bienvenida a esta última mesa del semestre en español.

11|06 TUESDAY
Hope, Healing and Outreach for Catholics Who are Separated or Divorced
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 am – 3 pm
A workshop for those affected by divorce and those who minister to them: church laity, priests, deacons, parish staff, parish catechetical leaders. Keynote speaker is Lisa Duffy. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost, but prior Registration is requested: vermontcatholic.org/event/workshop-for-separated-and-divorced-catholics/

11|06 TUESDAY
Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 7 - 8 pm
Often called “the Church’s Best Kept Secret,” Catholic Social Teaching is a good and useful guide in living the Christian life and truly being a Light to the World. Join our discussions on how these ideals can help bring us more into a Christ-centered life. Theme 1 is “Rights and Responsibilities: Saint Oscar Romero and the Wages of Social Sin.” Through the ministry, life, and martyrdom of the recently canonized archbishop, we look at the responsibilities of Christians and of the Church when society does not observe basic human rights.

11|08 THURSDAY
Youth Ministry Training — Interactive Youth Ministry
St. Michael Parish Center, Brattleboro 6 - 8 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

11|11 SUNDAY
Nativity Annual Ham Dinner
Nativity of the BVM, Swanton • 11 am - 1 pm
Baked ham, mash potatoes, squash, cole slaw, baked beans, carrots, rolls and assorted pies. Sponsored by the Swanton Knights of Columbus.

11|14 WEDNESDAY
69th Annual Turkey Bingo
St. Bernadette Church, Bridport 6:15 - 8:30 pm
A fundraiser organized by the Knights of Columbus. Quick games start at 6:15 pm, 25 regular play for turkeys and cash prizes begins at 7 pm. Refreshments available.

11|18 SUNDAY
Rich Harvest of Organ Classics
Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales, Bennington 3 pm
Masterpieces by Bach, Mulet, Guilmant, and others will sparkle and resound throughout the church. Free and open to the public, facilities are fully accessible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Marriage & Family Life Coordinator
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Diocese: Youth and Young Adult Ministry Administrative Assistant
Vermont Catholic Charities: Accountant
Vermont Catholic Charities: Residential Care Home Administrator, Burlington
Vermont Catholic Charities: Residential Care Home Administrator, Rutland

For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers

2018 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

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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