CCHD offers two grant programs: a community development grant program and an economic development grant program. Community development grants fund organizations led by people in poverty which organize low-income community members to change structures and policies that perpetuate the cycle of poverty. Economic development grants support community-based organizations and businesses that create just workplaces, provide quality jobs and develop assets for low-income people. Both grant programs fulfill CCHD’s mission of empowering low-income individuals living on the margins of society to end poverty in their communities.

Funding for these grants comes almost entirely from the CCHD collection. This year, the collection will take place the weekend of Nov. 18. Twenty-five percent of funds collected remain in the Diocese to support local anti-poverty efforts. The remaining 75 percent is sent to the national CCHD office to fund organizations that empower low-income individuals to eliminate the cycle of poverty. “Although CCHD is a national collection, it benefits organizations and neighbors right here in our local communities,” Pinard said.

In Vermont, two organizations recently have received CCHD grants. Vermont Interfaith Action is a faith-based, grassroots coalition of congregations that aims to rectify social injustices identified by those in impoverished communities, focusing particularly on economic justice, criminal justice system reform and education. Board President Bill Thompson commented, “VIA could not have made such a strong impact on social justice without the support of CCHD over the years. We are tremendously grateful.”

CCHD also funds the Center for an Agricultural Economy. CCHD support has allowed CAE to work with low-income people in the Northeast Kingdom to identify key issues that are barriers to success and to create solutions that end the cycle of poverty.

Next weekend is the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Please consider contributing any amount that you can, and thank you in advance for your generosity.

— Marina Jerry, CCHD intern, Diocese of Burlington
UPCOMING EVENTS

11|11 SUNDAY
Nativity Annual Ham Dinner
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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|11 SUNDAY
‘Willy Wonka Junior’
Christ the King School, Burlington
12:30 pm
General admission is $10; CKS students, children 11 and under and seniors, $7. Watch for Msgr. John McDermott, vicar general of the Diocese of Burlington and pastor of Christ the King-St. Anthony Parish to make an appearance.

11|11 SUNDAY
Knights of Columbus Bingo
Most Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Orleans
1 - 4 pm
Bingo to benefit Most Holy Trinity Parish and Council 7763.

11|11 SUNDAY
Saint Albans Youth Night
Saint Mary Parish Center, St. 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!

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.

CRAFT FAIR & MARKET DIRECTORY

11|11 Craft and Product Sale, St. John the Evangelist, Northfield, 9:30 am to 4 pm, INFO: (802) 485-8313

11|17 Christmas Fair, St. Alphonsus, Pittsford, 9 am to 2 pm

12|01 Christmas Bazaar, All Saints, Richford, 9 am to 2 pm, INFO: (802) 848-7741

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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