Dear Diocesan Families:

The Diocese of Burlington, along with other Catholic school systems in New England, celebrated Catholic Schools Week in November. Students and staff participated in daily events to strengthen the Catholic identity of our schools in Vermont.

More than 650 students and educators joined Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne in a special Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington on Nov. 8. Students were dressed in uniform, carried their school banners, and students participated in the Mass to represent their school. The St. Francis Xavier School Choir, from Winooski, graced us with the voices of their children that resonated soulfully throughout the cathedral. This was truly a beautiful Mass!

Students from Vermont sent letters to Bishop Coyne following the Mass, and the quotes below touched our hearts:

“I hope to visit your lovely cathedral again in my lifetime. I will never forget this amazing experience!”

“I humbly thank you for inviting us to celebrate the Eucharist in such a beautiful place. I have never felt happier.”

“I loved seeing all of the other Catholic schools in Vermont at the most beautiful Mass ever.”

“I thought the cathedral was so beautiful. I loved Bishop Coyne’s story about planting seeds in the fields. I am so thankful to have been able to travel all the way to Burlington.”

“I had never been to Burlington before and it was great to be in a big city in a small state. It was a wonderful Mass and a cool adventure.”

Thank you to Superintendent Grenville for paying for our bus ride. The cathedral was beautiful.”

“The Mass was so beautiful I could feel Jesus the whole time.”

This year, the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) is celebrating Catholic Schools Week Jan. 27 to Feb. 2. The Diocese of Burlington celebrates being Catholic and continually strives to enhance our Catholic faith-filled education, academic excellence and a strong sense of community all year long. So, in honor of the NCEA week and the theme of “Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed,” we have created a statewide poster that represents students from each of our schools. This poster will be disseminated to all our parishes and Catholic schools.

I encourage you to read what our students have to say and embrace their loving sentiments.

If you want to learn more about Catholic schools for the children and teenagers in your life, please contact me at lgreville@vermontcatholic.org or visit vermontcatholic.org/catholicschools.

Respect and love,

Lisa Lamondie-Grenville, Superintendent of Schools
UPCOMING EVENTS

01|27 SUNDAY
St. Thomas Church Italian Dinner
St. Thomas, Underhill Center • 4 - 7 pm
The menu features: cheese tortellini with pesto, penne with Alfredo, stuffed shells, sausage and peppers, spaghetti with garlic sauce, shells with butter sauce homemade meatballs and dessert. Cost is by donation and take out is available. Parish hall is only accessible by stairs.
FOR MORE INFO: parish office (802) 899-4632

02|01, 02, 03 FRIDAY – SUNDAY
3-day Retreat for Students, Young Adult Professionals
Saint Paul d’Abbottford, Quebec • 8 am - 5 pm
Teaching given by Father Arnaud, a priest of Our Lady of Life, as well as members of Our Lady of Life. (Passport or enhanced travel document needed.)
FOR MORE INFO: and to register, Teresa at email@ourladyoflifeministries.org

02|02 SATURDAY
Blood Drive
St. Isidore, Montgomery • 9 am - 2 pm
Hosted by St. Isidore Parish and sponsored by Montgomery Emergency Services. Local raffles with prizes.
To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS. New donors are needed. Please consider giving the gift of life. Walk-ins are welcome!

02|02 SATURDAY
Youth Ministry Training — Youth Ministry Institute
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
9 am - 3 pm
This Youth Ministry Institute will be a comprehensive day immersion on key concepts in Youth Ministry, including: Youth Ministry 101, Ministry in the Style of St. John Bosco, Contemporary Moral Issues, Theology of the Body, Interactive Youth Ministry.
FOR MORE INFO: and to RSVP, wgavin@vermontcatholic.org

02|02 SATURDAY
K of C Bingo
All Saints Parish Hall, Richford • 11:30 am - 5 pm
Doors open at 11:30 am, games start at 1 pm. Refreshments and pull tickets will be available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

02|02 SATURDAY
K of C French Canadian Supper
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Richmond • 5 - 7 pm
Pea soup, meat pie, mashed potatoes, dessert, beverages, etc. Suggested donation $12, to benefit the charities of Rosary Council of the Knights of Columbus 4684.

02|02 SATURDAY
Turkey Dinner
St Rose of Lima, South Hero • 5 - 7 pm
Turkey dinner with all the fixings! Takeouts are available by calling office: (802) 372-4092.

02|03 SUNDAY
World Marriage Day Celebration Mass
St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington • 10 am
Join us as we celebrate World Marriage Day by honoring in a special way those celebrating 5, 10, 15, etc.. years of Marriage! The celebrations will take place in two ways: Sunday, February 3 – Mass with Bishop Christopher Coyne Sat./Sun., February 9 & 10 – Parish recognitions.
For more info: Lori Daudelin, 802-658-6110 x1131, ldaudelin@vermontcatholic.org

02|05 TUESDAY
Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching
St. John Vianney, Burlington • 7 - 8 pm
Theme # 4 is “Call to Family, Community, and Participation: Dorothy Day and Loving Those You Don’t Like.” Dorothy Day's life as a Catholic was, more than anything, informed by her understanding of the Church as the united Body of Christ, and of the spiritual obligation to one another which that entails. Through her writings we will look at the struggles and the rewards of living in Christian Community.

02|06 WEDNESDAY
Mater Christi School Winter Open House
Mater Christi School, Burlington • 8:30 - 11 am
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).

02|07 THURSDAY
Christ the King School Open House
Christ the King, Burlington • 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Teachers will be present and classrooms will be open with student work displayed. Guests will have the opportunity to explore the school, ask questions, and get a feel for some of the great activities and learning opportunities that make CKS such a special place.
FOR MORE INFO: RSVP or schedule a tour call (802) 862-6696 or email admissions@cksvt.org

02|09 SATURDAY
Padre Pio Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am
The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets the second Saturday of each month. Rosary starts at 8am followed by Mass, special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio, and then learning about Padre Pio’s life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the parish hall after Mass.

02|10 SUNDAY
Winter Rally 2019
St. John, St. Johnsbury • 10:30 am
St. Monica, Barre, 4 pm
Attention all teens and parents! Join us for our Winter Rally!

Catholic Town Meetings with Bishop Coyne
All meetings held 6 – 7:30 p.m.
Monday, January 28
Sacred Heart
238 Main St., Bennington
Tuesday, January 29
Christ the King
66 South Main St., Rutland
Thursday, January 31
St. John Vianney
160 Hinesburg Rd., S. Burlington

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For More Info:
vermontcatholic.org/careers

Permanent Diaconate Formation classes to begin in August.
Learn how to apply at:
vermontcatholic.org/vermont/permanent-diaconate-formation-classes-to-begin
Deadline for applications is March 1.