On Ash Wednesday there will be a collection to support the outreach work of Vermont Catholic Charities Inc., including the Bishop deGoesbriand Grants for Human Advancement. These grants are awarded to Vermont non-profit organizations that are making a difference in the daily lives of people in their communities.

Vermont Catholic Charities has been awarding Bishop deGoesbriand grants since 2011. To date, more than 200 grants have been given totaling more than $400,000. Agencies receiving funding have included homeless shelters, right-to-life programs and food programs for children and families.

Here are a few examples of how these grants impact the lives of Vermonters:

✦ At the John Graham Shelter in Vergennes, the grant helped fund the case management services to homeless families and children. One family supported was a mother and her four sons. The mother had a full-time job, but the family found it difficult to rebound after domestic violence made them homeless. The John Graham Shelter temporarily housed them in a two-bedroom unit and, with the help of a housing voucher, they moved to permanent housing.

✦ At the Community Emergency Relief Volunteers in Northfield, the grant supported a summer lunch program. One client stated, “I want to say how much I greatly appreciate the summer lunch program. I have five children and my husband and I work full-time, but it is still hard to make ends meet. It takes a little stress off our shoulders knowing my kids can have snacks and lunch throughout the week.”

✦ At the Meals & Wheels of Greater Springfield, the grant helped with needed repairs to the dining room where community meals are served. As a result, participation in the senior community lunch program has increased. One client commented, “My husband passed away a year and a half ago. I was lonely and depressed. I started going to the Senior Community Lunch. I’ve made many friends and don’t feel as alone anymore.”

✦ At the Catholic Center at the University of Vermont, more than 250 students cooked and served free dinners to those in need in Burlington. The grant helped fund the purchase of food for these dinners.

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the 40 days of Lent dedicated to reflection, prayer, fasting and good works in preparation for Easter. As we begin this journey, we ask you to prayerfully consider participating in the Ash Wednesday collection; any gift, no matter the size, makes a difference.

As a Catholic community, let’s continue to do Christ’s work here in Vermont and show Christ’s love to our neighbors in their times of need.

— Mary Beth Pinard, executive director of Vermont Catholic Charities Inc.

REMINDER

Please complete the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington Feasibility Study Survey by March 10, 2019. Go to steiergroup.com/survey, click on Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington and enter the password: Burlington.
UPCOMING EVENTS

03|04 MONDAY
Mass in Spanish
St. Michael the Archangel Chapel, Colchester
7:30 – 8 pm
Tengo gusto en enviarle el anuncio avisándole de las misas en español este semestre, las cuales tendrán lugar en la capilla de Saint Michael’s College, a las 19h30 (7:30 P.M.). Las misas se darán el primer lunes de los meses siguientes, 4 de marzo, y 1 de abril, 2019. Todos están cordialmente invitados. 802-654-2333 Edmundite Campus Ministry/St. Michael's College.

03|05 TUESDAY
Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington - 7 – 8 pm
Theme # 5 is “The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers: Saint Peter Faber and the Ethics of Business.” A founding member of the Jesuit order and a close companion of Saint Ignatius Loyola, Peter Faber first intuited how business and industry could ease poverty and improve society. His ideas are echoed in recent Vatican and USCCB documents, and are perhaps worth further exploration.

03|05, 12, 19, 26, 04|02, 09 TUESDAYS
Bishop Robert Barron’s ‘The Mass’
St. Pius X, Essex Center
7 – 8 pm
Bishop Robert Barron’s “The Mass” series will be presented on six Tuesday evenings beginning March 5 and concluding April 9. There is no cost to attend this event and all are welcome. Refreshments and materials provided by the Knights of Columbus.
RSVP: call St. Pius X office (802) 878-5997 or email John Ludden vtluddens@gmail.com

03|06 WEDNESDAY
Ash Wednesday Mass with Bishop Coyne
12:05 pm
St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington

03|07 – 05|16 THURSDAYS
Bishop Robert Barron’s Catholicism Series
Holy Family, Essex Jct.
9:30 – 10:30 am
Join us for Episode 1 – Amazed and Afraid: The Revelation of God Become Man. We will play one episode each week.

03|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 8 am 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 Holy Family Parish Hall after Mass.

03|10 SUNDAY
Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion
St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington - 3 pm
During the Rite of Election, celebrated by Bishop Coyne, the Church “elects” those seeking full initiation into the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at Easter. The Church also recognizes those already-baptized Christians seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church and pledges the support of prayer as they journey toward Full Communion in the Catholic Church. Friends and family of those being participating in the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion and all the faithful from around the diocese are invited to celebrate with us. A small reception follows the liturgy.

03|11, 18, 25 MONDAYS
Acts of the Apostles
Holy Family, Essex Junction - 7 pm

03|15, 29, 04|12 FRIDAYS
St. Ambrose Lenten Fish Frys
St. Ambrose, Bristol - 5 – 7 pm
Meal includes fried or baked haddock, french fries, coleslaw, beverage & dessert. Adults: $12.50, children 9 and under: $6, immediate family of 5: $37.
FOR MORE INFO: call St. Ambrose (802) 453-2488

03|15 FRIDAY
Michael Mette Concert Event
St. Michael School, Brattleboro
7 – 8:30 pm
Join us for MJM? — the Michael Mette Family Band in concert. Open to the whole family! A good will offering will be taken at the end of the event.

03|16 SATURDAY
Marriage Preparation Retreat
Christ the King, Rutland
9:30 am – 3 pm
A one-day Retreat for Engaged Couples. Come take a break from wedding preparation and spend time in prayer, sharing and fellowship with your fiance and other engaged couples. Lunch and materials will be provided – prior Registration is required. There is no cost for this retreat.
FOR MORE INFO: vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-preparation-retreat-day-rutland/

03|16 SATURDAY
St. Thomas K of C Irish Dinner
St. Thomas, Underhill - 5 – 6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner with all the trimmings. Adults: $14, children ages 5-10: $8, maximum of $40 for a family. Children under age 5 eat for free. Take out meals are available. Come and bring the whole family for this traditional Irish Dinner. The parish hall is currently not handicap-accessible, but will be soon.
FOR MORE INFO: call the church office (802) 899-4632.

03|19 TUESDAY
Adoration and Rosary Devotion on the Feast of St. Joseph
St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington - 7 – 8 pm
In honor to St. Joseph, Blue Army Vermont will lead the rosary and the Litany to St. Joseph, with the special prayer intention for the chronic homeless, homeless youth, immigrants, refugees, and for an end of human trafficking.

03|23 SATURDAY
2nd Annual Vermont Catholic Men’s Conference
St. Anthony, White River Junction
9 am – 3 pm
FOR MORE INFO: vermontcatholic.org/event/men/

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| Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator |
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