In this year of discipleship, Bishop Christopher Coyne has asked all of us to respond to this “universal call to love, one that is a commission to all of the baptized faithful.” We are all called to use our God-given gifts to help build a stronger Catholic Church in Vermont by getting involved in our parishes, sharing our resources and spreading the Good News.

During the Diocesan Synod process, building vibrant parishes, evangelization and improving communication were priorities identified by Catholics from throughout the state. The clergy cannot do this alone; we need lay leaders working in partnership with clergy to make the changes that will lead to a more vibrant and inviting Catholic community.

This work already has begun in a diocesan-wide program called the “Discipleship Maker Program,” directed by the Catholic Leadership Institute, a national organization that helps Dioceses and parishes institute policies and programs to foster Christian discipleship within parishes. In addition, lay leadership formation programs and engagement opportunities are being offered throughout the Diocese. We are in the second cycle of lay ministry and diaconate formation classes; our new youth discipleship program hopes to keep young people active in our parishes beyond confirmation; the Diocesan Worship Commission actively is seeking ways to improve liturgy and worship in each parish; and so much more.

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports these new initiatives while maintaining vital ministries and services that impact every parish, such as vocations, religious education training, Pre-Cana, emergency aid and so many parish support services. Last year we reached 96 percent of our goal thanks to the generosity of many of you. We ask that you be generous again this year and make a gift during the In-Pew phase either May 4-5 or 11-12. Making a gift early reduces our mailings and overall costs. You also may make a gift online on our new easier-to-use giving platform: vermontcatholic.org/giveonline.

To learn more about what your gift supports and to watch the 2019 Bishop’s Appeal video visit bishopsappealvt.org.

With much gratitude,

Ellen Kane, Executive Director of Development
4 pm

Mandy Kent, flutist, and Donald McMahon, pianist, will perform a recital of musical masterpieces, certain to raise your spirits, is promised! The performance is free. All facilities are accessible to those with special needs, and convenient parking is available behind the church. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

05|07 TUESDAY

Tortolano Organ Concert
St. Michael’s College Chapel, Colchester
7:30 pm

Join us for a celebration of two enduring College legacies: the Chapel’s 51-year old organ, which Tortolano designed in 1966, and the 89-year old Tortolano himself. Organist emeritus at the college, This will be the 51st recital on the chapel organ, which is dedicated to him. The concert is free and open to the public.

05|04 SATURDAY

Blue Army First Saturday Rosary Devotion
Holy Family, Essex Junction
9 am - 11 pm

All are invited to honor Our Lady of Fatima with the Mass and Rosary Devotion with the special intention for: the Catholic Church, Pope Francis, Bishops, Priests, Lay Ministers, for the Vocation of Priests, and the deceased Priests. Everyone will have the opportunity to receive the blessing of the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, a special protection from Our Lady from the eternal fire.

05|04 SATURDAY

Marriage Preparation Retreat
St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington
10:30 am - 5 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: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/marriage-preparation-retreat-burlington/

05|04 SATURDAY

Chicken Pie Supper
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph
5 pm

Chicken Pie Supper by Maybelle Dumont. Chicken pie, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetable, cole slaw, along with a variety of homemade pies. Adults $12, kids $5. Take out available.

05|05 SUNDAY

Recital of Musical Masterpieces
Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales, Bennington
3 pm

Mandy Kent, flutist, and Donald McMahon, pianist, will perform a recital of musical masterpieces, certain to raise

regardless of religious affiliation, may be submitted by email to Terri McCormack, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator: tmccormick@vermontcatholic.org.

05|24 FRIDAY

Open House at St Francis Xavier School
St. Francis Xavier School, Winooski
8:30 am - 1:30 pm

St. Francis serves students from preschool (age 3) to grade 8. Come tour our school, meet our administrators, and see our students in action. Walk-ins are welcome, but we encourage RSVPs by calling (802) 655-2600 or emailing info@sfxvt.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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