Popular among our ever-expanding, ever-changing English vocabulary, is the innovation of making nouns into verbs. For example, to describe the process of growing into the responsibilities of adulthood, youth will use the term “adulting.” As we approach the priestly ordinations of Deacons Kevin Chalifoux and Robert Little on June 15, it must be clearly stated that there is no such term as “priesting!”

To be ordained a priest does not center so much on what a priest does, but rather who a priest is. While it is true that there are certain things that only priests can do, specifically celebrating the sacraments, those who are called to serve the Church as priests answer a call from God to be configured to Christ not only in their actions but in their very being.

Through baptism all of the faithful participate in the very life of God, but priests do so in a particular way. The Sacrament of Holy Orders confers on the priest a permanent change that can never be undone, much like baptism and confirmation. Once a man is ordained a priest, he can never be “un-ordained.” In this respect, the call from God to become a priest configures him to Christ, the High Priest, and endows him with power from God to teach, sanctify and govern in the name of Christ.

A priest is a tremendous gift to the Church — and Fathers-to-Be Chalifoux and Little will be tremendous gifts to the Church in Vermont. As they have studied, prayed, served, sacrificed and given themselves to seminary formation, on June 15 they will stand as their names are called in St. Joseph Cathedral to be presented to Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne for the conferral of the priesthood through the laying on of hands.

All the faithful are invited to come to the ordination at the cathedral on June 15 at 10 a.m. as we pray and together thank God for the gift of two new priests.

—Father Jon Schnobrich is director of vocations for the Diocese of Burlington.
06|05 WEDNESDAY
VCC’s 2nd Annual Vermonters Helping Vermonters Event
St. Michael’s College • 6:30 pm
Tickets $50 per person: www.vermontcatholic.org/event/2nd-annual-vermonters-helping-vermonters/

06|07, 08, 09 FRI, SAT, SUN
Spring into Summer Yard and Rummage Sale
St. Thomas, Underhill Center • 9 am - 5 pm
The yard sale will feature house wares, dishes, toys, miscellaneous items. The rummage sale will feature spring and summer clothing for children and adults.
FOR MORE INFO: call the rectory at (802) 899-4632.

06|08 SATURDAY
Padre Pio Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am
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 after Mass in the parish hall.
FOR MORE INFO: susan@vermontcatholic.org.

06|08 SATURDAY
Blessed Parish Vocation Workshop
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph 9 am - 2:30 pm
Cultivating a culture of vocations in our parishes and in our Diocese. The day will include witness talks, sharing ideas with each other, prayer, Mass and fellowship.
FOR MORE INFO: susan@vermontcatholic.org.

06|08 SATURDAY
K of C Bingo
All Saints, Richford • 11:30 am - 5 pm
Doors open at 11:30 am, games start at 1 pm. Refreshments and pull tickets will be available.

06|09 SUNDAY
50th Anniversary of the Closing of Central Catholic
St Mary, St. Albans • 9:15 am – 12 pm
Cake, coffee and reminiscing in the Parish Center after the 9:15 Mass. All alumni are welcomed!

06|14 FRIDAY
Holy Hour of Adoration for Vocations & BBQ
Catholic Center UVM, Burlington • 6 pm
The Diocesan Priest Schola will be singing Vespers during the Holy Hour and the Knights of Columbus DeGoesbriand Council #279 and the Vocation Office will be sponsoring a BBQ immediately following. All are invited – please RSVP for the BBQ to Susan Wing at susan@vermontcatholic.org.

06|15 SATURDAY
Italian Night Dinner
St. Amadeus, Alburgh • 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Pasta, a variety of sauces, chicken cacciatore, garlic bread and dessert. Adults $10, Children 7-12 $5, 6 and under are free.

06|15 SATURDAY
Benefit Concert
St. Augustine, Montpelier • 6:30 - 9 pm
Proceeds will benefit Annunciation House in El Paso, Texas, which provides shelter, food medical and other services for undocumented refugees crossing the border.

06|15 SATURDAY
Moonlight in Vermont: Big Band Dance
St. Raphael, Poultney • 7 - 10 pm
$50/couple includes dancing with the band called Enerjazz. There will be food, drinks, prizes and real music — Glen Miller, Harry James, Guy Lombardo just to mention a few.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Diocese: Accountant
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Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator
Diocese: Seasonal Groundskeeper
Diocese: Superintendent of Schools
The Loretto Home, Rutland: Residential Care Positions
St. Joseph Kervick Home, Rutland: Billing and Administrative Support Assistant
St. Joseph Residential Care Home, Burlington: LPN
Vermont Catholic Charities, Burlington: Accountant

For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers

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Bishop’s Annual Appeal

GOAL: $2,700,987

TOTAL COMMITTED: $593,835 as of May 23, 2019

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