“Love, Naturally!” is the theme of this year’s Natural Family Planning Awareness Week, a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to celebrate God’s design for married love and the gift of life and to raise awareness of Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods. “NFP,” as the U.S. bishops have written, is supportive of Catholic beliefs about married love because it “respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being” (see, U.S. Bishops, Married Love and the Gift of Life).

The dates of Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 21–27, 2019) annually highlight the anniversary of Humanae vitae (July 25) as well as the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne (July 26), the parents of the Blessed Mother.

Resources and ideas for celebrating and promoting NFP Awareness Week in your area can be found on the USCCB’s NFP Program website: usccb.org/nfp/awareness-week/index.cfm. For more information, contact nfp@usccb.org.

Additional information about natural family planning can be found on the Diocese of Burlington website at vermontcatholic.org/ministries-programs/marriage-family/natural-family-planning. Contact Terri McCormack, marriage and family life coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington, for more information.

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Call for Essays

Vermont Catholic wants to hear from young disciples!

If you are between the ages of 13 and 30, you are invited to submit a 300-500-word essay about how the Church can attract, engage and retain young people. Several essays will be selected for publication in the fall issue of Vermont Catholic Magazine and writers will have the opportunity to discuss their ideas with Bishop Coyne.

Please send entries to: editor@vermontcatholic.org with the subject line “Young Disciples Essay” by August 1.


07|24 WEDNESDAY

VCP Networking Breakfast
Pomerleau Alumni Center - St. Michael's College • 8 - 9:30 am

This free event will begin with networking and refreshments, followed by words from a professional development speaker. Dr. Marta Kokoszynska, Instructor, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine, UVM Larner College of Medicine will be the July speaker. To register or for more information: vermontcatholic.org/vcp

07|24 – 08|28 WEDNESDAYS

St. Anne's Shrine Summer Reflection Series
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 11:15 am - 1 pm


07|25 – 09|26 THURSDAYS

The Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit
St. John the Baptists, Castleton • 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR in this incredible 14 part video series which is awakening God's love and transforming power in the hearts of all who participate. No class on Sept. 5.

08|03 SATURDAY

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am

First Saturday of every month, come to Our Lady of Fatima Devotions. Rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 and Mass at 8:30.

08|03 SATURDAY

Bingo
All Saints, Richford • 11:30 am - 5 pm

Doors open at 11:30 AM, games start at 1:00 PM. Refreshments and pull tickets will be available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

08|04 SUNDAY

Blue Army Prayer Day and Family Picnic
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 10:30 am - 4 pm

Join the Blue Army of Our Lady Fatima Vermont for a day of devotion and family picnic. Mass at 10:30, followed by the rosary procession, family picnic potluck, Stations of the Cross and concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Accountant
Diocese: Development Specialist
Diocese: Seasonal Groundskeeper
The Loretto Home, Rutland: Residential Care Positions
St. John the Baptist, Bennington: Keyboardist/Choir Director
St. Joseph Residential Care Home, Burlington: LPN
Vermont Catholic Charities, Burlington: Accountant

For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers

GOAL: $2,700,987

TOTAL COMMITTED: $1,416,832

as of July 8, 2019

Bishop’s Annual Appeal

Each year, hundreds of people prepare for marriage with pre-Cana classes offered by the diocese’s marriage and family ministry. The ministry also offers post-Cana enrichment and support to married couples. Consider supporting this initiative with a gift at bishopsappealvt.org.

UPDATE

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