The Vermont Catholic Community Foundation Inc. invites the faith community to attend its third annual meeting Sept. 13 to celebrate the contributions made by individuals and/or groups to the community through their acts of charity, service and faith.

**Date:** Friday, September 13, 6–8 p.m.

**Place:** Old Lantern Inn & Barn, 3260 Greenbush Road, Charlotte, VT 05445

Thanks to the extreme generosity of Old Lantern Inn and Barn, Misty Knoll and other sponsors, this event is free to the faith community, but there is limited sitting. You must register by Sept. 10, at vtcatholicfoundation.org/annualmeeting.

The Vermont Catholic Community Foundation is a separate nonprofit from the Diocese of Burlington that was established in 2015 to build a strong foundation for the Catholic Church in Vermont. During the last four years, the foundation has grown to more than 67 funds supporting schools, parishes, cemeteries, ministries and charitable causes throughout the state. Each fund established in the foundation is restricted to a specific cause or ministry to provide funding in perpetuity based on the donors’ intentions.

Funds like the Gokey Fund help people like Sandy, a mother of three who had her teeth extracted years ago, receive dentures which, she said, changed her life: “I am now comfortable attending my kid’s events. I am confident at my job. My health is better as I can eat a broader range of nutritional foods. I am smiling at everyone all the time! I have never been happier.”

John Fitzgerald and Mary Ellen Fuller, classmates at Cathedral High School, sent their eight children and nine grandchildren to Rice Memorial High School and established the Rice Memorial High School Fuller Fitzgerald Fund to ensure others could afford to attend. All eight of the Fitzgerald children surprised their mother with a gift doubling the fund and financial aid capacity.

The Dr. Thomas G. Howrigan Fund, established with a bequest, leaves a beautiful legacy of faith and on-going operational support for St. Patrick Parish in Fairfield.

The foundation reflects the core values of the Catholic faith and brings the Catholic community together to express those values in various ways. Whether it is providing support for dentures; financial aid to students who could not otherwise afford a Catholic education; or resources to care for Catholic cemeteries, the foundation provides many pathways for individuals and Catholic entities to create funds that will support specific purposes now and in the future.

To learn more about VCCF visit vtcatholicfoundation.org.

— Ellen Kane is the executive director of The Vermont Catholic Community Foundation.
Spirit who has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and who leads us to our heavenly Father.

09|13, 14 FRIDAY-SATURDAY
Young Adult Retreat Dumaine
Dumaine Retreat Center, Jacksonville
Arrive 7 pm Friday, depart, 6 pm Saturday.

09|20 FRIDAY
Married Couples Date Night
for Empty Nesters
Assumption of the BVM, Middlebury
6:30 - 8:30
Add some more romance and intimacy to your marriage! Get out and have some fun!! Your date night includes appetizers, beverages, and time for the two of you for a minimal fee of $20 per couple. Please RSVP by Sept. 16: Terri McCormack tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org, (802) 658-6110 x1451

09|21 SATURDAY
Living the Catholic Faith to the Full
IHM Parish Hall, Williston • 8 - 10:30 am
Join us for this Knights of Columbus Men’s Spiritual Development Workshop with Fr. Henry Furman as the guest speaker. All men are invited to attend. Light Refreshments will be provided.

09|05 THURSDAY
Presentation on the Life of St. Andre Bessette
St. Norbert, Hardwick • 4 - 7 pm
The program will include a presentation on the life of the saint, Eucharistic adoration, anointing, veneration of a relic of St. Andre, a blessing with St. Joseph’s oil and a healing Mass.

09|05 THURSDAY
Surviving Divorce
St. Peter, Vergennes • 6:30 - 8 pm
Hope and healing for men and women struggling with being separated or divorced. This small group will meet over several weeks to cover topics such as shock and grief, anger and forgiveness, money issues, dealing with children and a former spouse, and annulment and remarriage. This program is based on the teachings of the Catholic Church. Participants will find answers to their questions, restore their hope, and begin authentic healing.

09|07 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am
Join us the first Saturday of every month for Our Lady of Fatima Devotions. We begin with rosary and reconciliation at 8 am, followed by Mass at 8:30.

09|07 SATURDAY
Chicken Pie Supper by Maybelle Dumont
Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 5 pm
Adults $12, Kids $5

09|08 SUNDAY
St. Luke Children’s Carnival
St. Luke Fairfax • 11:30 am - 1 pm
Knights of Columbus Council 10830 is hosting their Annual Children’s Carnival. Event is open to Children of All Ages.

09|09, 16, 23, 30, 10|7, 14, 21 MONDAYS
7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7-8 pm
Often called “the Church’s Best Kept Secret,” Catholic Social Teaching is a good and useful guide in living the Christian life and truly being a Light to the World. Join our discussions on how these ideals can help bring us more into a Christ-centered life.

09|12, 19, 26 THURSDAYS
The Wild Goose: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit
St. John the Baptist, 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. Discover the Holy Spirit who has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and who leads us to our heavenly Father.

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For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers

To see more events or to submit your event to the diocesan calendar: vermontcatholic.org/events

GOAL: $2,700,987
TOTAL COMMITTED: $1,804,243
as of August 20, 2019

The Bishop’s Annual Appeal allows the Diocese to provide parish direct support including: financial and accounting support; facility consulting for more than 400 buildings; and human resource services for more than 1,000 employees statewide.