The Diocese of Burlington is excited to announce the 1st Annual Diocesan Pastoral Ministries Conference. This annual conference is designed to carry forward the recommendations of the Diocesan Synod, especially in regards to our parish ministries. The conference is open to everyone.

KEYNOTE
Ron Huntley works internationally with church leaders to build passion and get results. Ron’s love for Christ, people and the church drive him to make a difference in the lives of pastors, priests and ministry leaders everywhere. Ron Huntley and Fr. James Mallon worked side-by-side to bring about the divine renovation of Saint Benedict Parish in Halifax, Canada. Ron has expanded to parishes around the world through international speaking engagements, the divine renovation podcast, and the divine renovation coaching network where Ron coaches and mentors pastors who seek to bring their parish from maintenance to mission. [www.divinerenovation.tv/authors/ron-huntley](http://www.divinerenovation.tv/authors/ron-huntley)

BREAKOUTS
In addition breakout sessions will be held focusing on religious education, youth ministry, marriage and family life, worship, RCIA, and communications.

ATTENDEES
Who should attend? Anyone. Especially those involved in parish ministries, those involved in implementing the Diocesan Synod in the parish, those with a heart of evangelization, those interested in vibrant parishes, those seeking to be more involved.

To learn more or to register, please visit [www.vermontcatholic.org/MinistryConference2019](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/MinistryConference2019)
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Nearly one quarter of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal goes toward supporting Catholic formation throughout the Diocese of Burlington, including evangelization, religious education, marriage and family, liturgy and worship, respect life and youth ministry efforts. Consider supporting this initiative with a gift at bishopsappealvt.org.

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09|29 SUNDAY
Aim4Haiti Harvest Art Show and Coffee
Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Jct.
11 am - 2 pm

Essex Catholic Community member and co-founder of Aim4Haiti NPO, Gillian Compo, is pleased to partner with and welcome to our community Haitian artist, Pievy Polyte. Pievy is a talented artist involved in an artists’ collective that donates proceeds from their work to Haitian education projects. Pievy is also a Haitian coffee farmer and strives to promote sustainable development in Haiti. Pievy’s home grown coffee — roasted to perfection will be served.

09|20, 21 FRIDAY & SATURDAY
Indoor Tag Sale
Our Lady of Grace, Colchester • 8 am - 4 pm
Games, dishes, books, jewelry, small electronics, toys, sport equipment, bake sale table and much more.

09|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.

09|16, 23, 30 MONDAYS
Celebrate the Life of Hildegard of Bingen: Abbess, Mystic, Healer, Poet, Composer, Ecologist
St. John the Baptist, N. Bennington: 9:45 - 11 am
Sacred Heart St. Francis: 7 - 8:15 pm
In these adult enrichment sessions, Hildegard of Bingen will come to life through the illuminations of her visions, her theological and scientific writings, her letters, her musical compositions, her concept of viriditas and her prayers. Considered a Saint by inhabitants of the Rhineland since the 12th century, she was formally canonized and made a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XVI in 2012. Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions. Refreshments will be served.

09|16, 23, 30, 10|07, 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.

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LOTWEM retreat
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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.

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