This year marks the 25th year of Vermont Catholic Charities Advent Appeal. On behalf of the thousands of individuals and families helped, thank you for bringing the joy and hope of the Advent season to those in need.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior into our world, we ask you again to join Vermont Catholic Charities, Inc. in answering the call to show our love and compassion for Vermonters in need of emergency assistance by making a gift to the annual Advent Appeal.

The “Season of Giving” has no bounds for people in need. At Christmastime and throughout the year, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. This Advent Season, please help people in crisis, especially the most vulnerable among us — children, struggling parents, the elderly and the sick.

Help people like Kate secure housing. Kate was a single working mother of three children. For safety reasons she needed to move. We helped her with rent to ensure she and her children would not become homeless and could be in a safe environment.

Help people like John and Lisa keep electricity and heat on. John and Lisa were raising their two-year-old grandson despite Lisa being quite ill. Due to Lisa’s illness and caring for the grandson, they fell behind on their utility bills. We helped them avoid the disconnection of utilities so they could stay safe and warm.

These are real people, and with your support we can assist people just like them, our neighbors in need. Your gift helps us to continue to show God’s love in concrete ways.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, we assisted more than 2,000 adults and 1,500 children through the Advent Appeal and Emergency Aid Program.

We ask for your prayerful consideration of a donation to this year’s Appeal; every gift — whatever the size — makes a difference. Please support this worthy effort by sending a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, Vermont, 05401 or giving online at vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal.

On behalf of Vermont Catholic Charities and all the Vermonters you will help this year, thank you.

May you have blessed Advent and Christmas seasons.

— Mary Beth Pinard,
Executive Director, Vermont Catholic Charities
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**11|18 MONDAY**
**Distinctly Matthew: The Most Quoted Gospel**
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm
Join us for three Monday evening sessions with Father Richard Berube. Series started on November 4.

**11|21 THURSDAY**
**ALICE**
St. Raphael, Poultney • 6 - 8 pm
We are all very familiar with the church and other shootings that have taken place in our country in the past. Law enforcement has developed a program designed to protect, as much as possible, those put in danger by a shooter. This program is called ALICE. This is a program that is open to all and it is one that is designed for our personal safety. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. You never know.

**11|22, 23, 24 FRIDAY — SUNDAY**
**Walking with Mary on my Life Path**
Our Lady of Life Spiritual Center, Saint Paul d’Abbotsford, QC
Retreat for all ages in the Carmelite tradition, teaching by Fr. Laurent Marie, o.c.d., given in French with simultaneous English translation. FOR MORE INFO: vermontcatholic.org/event/walking-with-mary-on-my-life-path/

**11|24 SUNDAY**
**Thanksgiving Dinner**
All Saints Dorion Hall, Richford • 12 - 1:30 pm
Cost: By donation.

**11|26 TUESDAY**
**Rice Memorial High School STUNT NITE**
Flynn Center, Burlington
2 Shows: 4pm and 8pm. All seats, both shows — $20.

**12|03 TUESDAY**
**Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Party**
St. Mark, Burlington • 6 - 8:30 pm
Prayer service and lighting of the Christmas tree with a potluck. The celebration is open to all families and friends.

**12|05 THURSDAY**
**A Day of the Eucharist**
St. Thomas, Underhill Center • 8 am - 8 pm
This day of Eucharistic adoration will begin with Holy Mass at 8 am. At the beginning of each hour we will pray various Catholic devotions throughout the day. FOR MORE INFO: Parish office (802) 899-4632.

**12|07 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 a.m. and Mass at 8:30.

**12|07 SATURDAY**
**Blood Drive**
St. Isidore, Montgomery • 9 am - 2 pm
Hosted by St. Isidore Parish and sponsored by Montgomery Emergency Services. Local raffles with prizes. To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS Walk-ins are welcome!

**12|07 SATURDAY**
**Marriage Preparation Retreat**
St. Peter, Vergennes • 10 am - 5:30 pm
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.

**12|08 SUNDAY**
**Annual “Messiah Sing”**
Our Lady of the Snows, Woodstock • 4 - 6 pm
Our parish’s contribution to Woodstock’s Wassail Weekend. There will be a professional orchestra and soloists; but anyone who wishes to sing may join the Chorus. Just bring a libretto. The event is open to the public, and is a truly enjoyable Advent tradition.

**12|08 SUNDAY**
**Padre Pio Devotions**
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am
Rosary starts at 8 am followed by Mass.

**12|09 SUNDAY**
**Blood Drive**
St. Isidore, Montgomery • 9 am - 2 pm
Hosted by St. Isidore Parish and sponsored by Montgomery Emergency Services. Local raffles with prizes. To schedule an appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS Walk-ins are welcome!

**12|14 SATURDAY**
**Bingo**
All Saints Parish Hall, Richford
11:30 am - 5 pm
Doors open at 11:30 am, games start at 1 pm. Refreshments and pull tickets will be available. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

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**DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS**

Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator
Diocese: Senior Accountant
Diocese: Technical Support Specialist
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Williston: Administrative Assistant
The Loretto Home, Rutland: Residential Care Positions
Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Randolph: Administrative Assistant
Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Fair Haven: Organist or Keyboardist/Choir Director
St. Joseph Residential Care Home, Burlington: LPN
Vermont Catholic Charities: Counselor

For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers

**OTHER EVENTS**

Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio’s life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the Holy Family Parish Hall after Mass.

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**FOR MORE INFO: Parish office (802) 899-4632.**