

NEWS FROM The Inland See

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FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington and Vermont Catholic Charities announce new external position to support those impacted by sexual abuse

In response to concerns raised by survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families, the Diocese of Burlington has created an external process for supporting and caring for them. In many conversations and communications with survivors, Bishop Christopher Coyne and other church leaders have been told that it is often difficult for survivors to approach the Church directly, especially since it was an agent of the Church that was responsible for their abuse. Many felt that there needed to be another way to get the help and support they need. As such, the Diocese of Burlington and Vermont Catholic Charities, Inc. has contracted with Sheila Conroy LCMHC (licensed mental health counselor) to serve as a Victim Assistance Coordinator to assist in bringing about healing, justice and peace for those suffering from sexual abuse perpetrated by clergy and others employed by the Church in years past.

Under this new endeavor, survivors can contact Conroy directly without having to contact the Church. Following this, Sheila is tasked with providing a safe, warm and respectful welcome to survivors of sexual abuse, their families and friends, and impacted parishes outside of the normal church environment. Along with listening to survivors, she will provide therapeutic service and confidentially

communicate victim' needs and concerns with appropriate diocesan leaders in order to provide the best care plan. This role will also plan and promote healing workshops, support groups, healing services and other opportunities for survivors and families if appropriate.

Sheila has an extensive professional background in supporting victims. Thirty-seven years ago, after witnessing the effects of trauma on children and adults who had been suffering from the effects of sexual trauma and war, she began her clinical studies focusing on the impact of early harm to children and young adults. She has held positions as contractor to the State of Vermont, dealing with the effects of sexual abuse on children and their families. She has worked as a clinician in a behavior hospital for adolescents most of whom had suffered from profound physical and sexual abuse that lead to their placement. Sheila also has years of experience contracting with the local and federal government as a Military Family Life Counselor for clients suffering from life-changing effects of war since September 11, 2001 and as a first responder as well as contracted work with Vermont Catholic Charities.

For anyone needing support, Sheila can be reached on a confidential line at 802-855-3016.



UPCOMING EVENTS



01|18 SATURDAY
Diocesan Mass, VT Rally for Life
St. Augustine, Montpelier • 9:30 am - 12 pm
 Join us for Mass at St. Augustine. Following

Mass Vermont Right to Life will sponsor a prayerful walk to the Statehouse with a program to follow inside.



01|19 SUNDAY
Kof C Pancake Breakfast
Holy Cross, Colchester • 10 - 11 am
 Good will donations, proceeds to support

military seminarians.



01|21 TUESDAY
Nicholas Black Elk: Oglala of the Lakota Sioux, Servant of God
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 9:00 pm

Cousin of Crazy Horse and subject of the famous book, "Black Elk Speaks," Nicholas Black Elk became a Catholic in 1904. As a catechist he is credited with bringing over 400 people to the Faith. In 2017, the Vatican authorized his cause for canonization. Dr. Damian Costello is a vice-postulator of Black Elk's cause for canonization and the author of "Black Elk: Colonialism and Lakota Catholicism."



01|22 WEDNESDAY
VCP Networking Breakfast
Pomerleau Alumni Center, St. Michael's College, Colchester • 8 - 9:30 am

This free event will begin with networking and refreshments, followed by words from a professional development speaker, and followed by more networking and discussion. Our January guest speaker is Mike Smith — Interim president and CEO of the Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc / Secretary, Vermont Agency of Human Services.



01|23-26 THURSDAY-SUNDAY
Life is Precious Washington D.C. Trip 2020
 Trip will include Rally for Life with thousands

of other teens, March for Life with hundreds of thousands, National Mall Museums, National Basilica and more! Cost: \$175 — submit \$50 non-refundable deposit by November 1. Submit full deposit by January 1, 2020 (*non-refundable after January 1*).



01|27 MONDAY
Series on the Saints: St. Teresa, The Little Flower
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm

In the second of our Series on the Saints, Monsignor Richard Lavalley will give a presentation on St. Teresa of Lisieux, the "Little Flower."



01|31, 02|01, 02 FRI, SAT, SUN
Discernment in Daily Life
Our Lady of Life Spiritual Center, St-Paul-d'Abbotsford, QC

Retreat for students and young professionals, 18-35 years old, with teaching given in French/English (*simultaneous translation as needed*) by a team of Our Lady of Life members.



02|01 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 am and Mass at 8:30.



02|01 SATURDAY
French Canadian Dinner
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Richmond • 5 - 7 pm
 Delicious homemade cuisine: pea soup, tourtiere (meat) pie, mashed potatoes, rolls, desserts, beverages.



02|02 SUNDAY
World Marriage Day Anniversary Mass
St. Joseph Cathedral, Burlington • 10 - 11 am

Join us as we celebrate World Marriage Day by honoring in a special way those celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary. Mass with Bishop Christopher Coyne.



02|03 MONDAY
Series on the Saints: Brother Dutton of Stowe
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm

In the third of our Series on the Saints, Monsignor Peter Routhier will give a presentation on Brother Dutton of Stowe, Vermont, whose cause for canonization is now being considered. 02|26 WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday
 Come to Mass and receive your ashes!



02|22 & 03|21 SATURDAYS
Marriage Preparation Retreats
10 am - 5:30 pm
 Spend time in prayer, sharing and fellowship

with your fiance and other engaged couples. February 22 at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Parish Hall, Bennington, and March 21 is at Blessed Sacrament in Stowe.



03|09 MONDAY
Lenten Series
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7 - 8:30 pm
 "The Journey of the Magi for Lent: A Parable, A Poem, and a Painting" presented by Fr. Richard Berube, SSE.

DIocese OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

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Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator

Diocese: Senior Accountant

The Loretto Home, Rutland:
 Residential Care Positions

Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Fair Haven:
 Organist or Keyboardist/Choir Director

St. Joseph Residential Care Home, Burlington:
 LPN

Vermont Catholic Charities: Counselor

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