Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In keeping with Vermont Gov. Phil Scott “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order directing the closure of in-person operations for all non-essential businesses, I am saddened to announce that all Catholic churches, chapels and shrines throughout the state be closed as of 5 p.m. on March 25.

During these challenging times, scripture reminds us that even when we are physically isolated, we are not spiritually so: “God is near to those who call on Him and Jesus Himself, just before he ascended to heaven said, “And know that I am with you to the end of time.” As members of the Church, we know that we are not alone.

As we stay at home in order to stop the spread of COVID-19, I encourage you to use this time to strengthen your relationship with Christ through daily prayer, participation in TV Mass, scripture reflection and engaging your family in faith activities. You can tune into daily 12:05 p.m. Mass (Monday through Friday) and Sundays at 10 a.m. at vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/, live rosary at 11:15 a.m. and many other spiritual engagement opportunities listed on the back of this bulletin each week or visit: vermontcatholic.org/spiritualresources.

Please prayerfully consider supporting your parish and the Diocese by making your usual offertory and Bishop’s Appeal contributions through this difficult time to sustain the Church until regular Mass schedule can resume. Visit your local parish or the bishopsappealvt.org for more information.

Let us pray we join together daily by saying the pope’s prayer to the Blessed Mother to end the spread of this pandemic and heal the sick. Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Amen

Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

A Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus’ pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis
Diocese of Burlington
Online Ministry Opportunities
for March 29–April 4, 2020

Mass and Rosary
Both the Masses and Rosary will be offered live online and do not require any registration.

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Online Ministries

Daily: Posted at 9 AM


For the below offerings, we encourage people to register. Find the event on our diocesan calendar (www.vermontcatholic.org/events) and sign up, or contact mhagan@vermontcatholic.org. All events are FREE. Some of these will also be live-streamed on the diocesan Facebook page.

Monday, March 30
1 PM The Saintliness of Aging (30 min) — Terri McCormick

Tuesday, March 31
10:30 AM & 7 PM Encountering Jesus Bible Study (30 min) — Deacon Phil Lawson

Wednesday, April 1
9 AM Lenten Retreat: Accompanied Along the Way (3 hours) — Office of Evangelization & Catechesis
7:30 PM Praying with the Scriptures (30 min) — Michael Hagan

Thursday, April 2
1 PM How to Stay Calm in the Midst of the Unknown, Part II (30 min) — Sharon Trani

Friday, April 3
1 PM Praying with the Scriptures (30 min) — Michael Hagan
7:30 PM Stations of the Cross (40 min) — Valerie Parzyck

Saturday, April 4
No online events scheduled.

Future Offerings
In addition to continuing some of the above events, we hope to offer you these as well. More details to follow.

Tentative: Book study on C.S. Lewis’ Screwtape Letters — Michael Hagan

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Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator
The Loretto Home, Rutland: Director of Nursing — $3,000 Sign-on Bonus!
Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales School, Bennington: Administrator
St. Joseph’s Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LPN or Med Tech — $1000 Sign-On Bonus
St. Joseph’s Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LPN or Med Tech
St. Joseph’s Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LNA or Caregiver — $500 Sign-On Bonus
St. Joseph’s Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LNA or Caregiver
St. Joseph’s Residential Care Home, Burlington: Resident Services Coordinator
Vermont Catholic Charities: Counselor Full-Time
For More Info: www.vermontcatholic.org/careers