As we launch the first statewide Catholic campaign in Vermont during these challenging times, we are working hard to share as much information as possible in a timely matter, but are experiencing some postal delays. By now every Catholic household should have received a letter from Bishop Coyne along with the campaign FAQ flyer and prayer card. We are grateful for those that immediately responded and have made gifts! By early October, you will receive a campaign packet of information from your pastor and Bishop Coyne with the case statement, your parish goals and an invitation to consider a specific gift amount over the next three years. We ask that you prayerfully consider this invitation based on your current circumstances. We understand some will not be able to commit at this time, while others can make a sacrificial gift that will stabilize and renew our Church for the future. Below is a description of the initiatives your gift will support. For more information please visit: christourhopevt.org.

VIBRANT PARISHES
($6 MILLION)
Our parishes are the heart of the Church. They provide the foundation upon which our greater faith community is built. Addressing individual parish needs is a paramount goal of the Christ Our Hope campaign, especially in light of the pandemic. At least 60 percent of the dollars raised at each parish will fund priorities such as a parish reserve fund, new initiatives, capital improvements, etc. The pastor and parish leadership teams will work together to identify these needs. Vibrant parishes will be the catalyst and hope for advancing the mission of the Church in Vermont.

FAITH FORMATION
($2 MILLION)
The future of our faith depends on solid formation for children and adults alike. During the pandemic, our ministries and schools quickly adapted to create new remote learning opportunities. Twenty percent of funds raised will support an endowment that allows for flexibility to be creative during times of crisis and support catholic schools, youth ministry and evangelization — no matter the circumstance.

SERVE THE POOR
($2 MILLION)
Serving people experiencing poverty, especially at times of greatest need, is integral in sharing and communicating the love and compassion of Christ. Funding an endowment for Catholic Charities emergency services will help bridge the gap for the most vulnerable people in our Vermont communities, especially those families impacted by COVID-19. Catholic Charities is only able to cover about 20 percent of the amount clients need in emergency aid each month. Given the limited financial resources, it is unable to serve, on average, 70 families per month. That is 280 individuals every month, over 3,300 people every year, that we are currently unable to help.

INITIATIVES
Endowment funds will be held at the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. The VCCF is a stand-alone nonprofit corporation that is separate from the Diocese of Burlington. The endowment funds for these ministries are designed to serve the ministries in perpetuity. All contributions made by benefactors to the Christ Our Hope campaign are restricted to uses outlined in this case for support.
Birthright Informational
St. John Vianney Parish Center, S. Burlington
Birthright is conducting two Informationals for potential volunteers. Kathleen King, Birthright Regional Consultant, will present the Birthright philosophy and how we offer support to pregnant women in difficult situations, and their partners. All interested individuals are welcome. Two sessions: Wed., Sept. 23, 6:30-8 p.m. and Thurs., Sept. 24, 9:30-11 a.m. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed. Attendance by virtual media is available for those who wish to attend from home. Pre-registration is advisable. For more information, and to register for either session, please email us at birthrightbvt@gmail.com.

SATURDAY
Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am
The Diocese of Burlington celebrates with great joy the Ordination of the Permanent Diaconate of five men to serve the Catholic Church in Vermont.

WEDNESDAYS
Parent Café
Zoom • 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm
Join other Catholic parents in Vermont for these virtual discussions about life and faith. Learn more at: vermontcatholic/events/parentcafe.

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
First Saturday of every month. Rosary and reconciliation at 8 am and Mass at 8:30.

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS
Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator
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

For More Info: vermontcatholic.org/careers

LIFE IS A BALANCING ACT!
TUESDAY, SEPT. 29
7:30 – 8:15 PM
YOUR HABITS — THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY!
TUESDAY, OCT. 13
7:30 – 8:15 PM

As we kick-off the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign to renew our parishes, strengthen our faith formation programs and increase emergency aid to people in crisis, we ask you to please first consider a gift to the Bishop’s Appeal. We understand that these are challenging times and some may not be able to do more. We are grateful for whatever you can offer and ask for your prayers for the success of the campaign.

2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal Goal: $2,651,157
64% As of Sept. 10: $1,698,255

As we look ahead, let us be grateful for the love we have received from our parishioners who have generously offered their time, talents and financial gifts to support our ministries and programs. Let us continue to be a community of faith that shares our gifts with those in need.