

NEWS FROM The Inland See

September 26– October 2, 2020

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



October is

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Why is domestic violence shrouded in silence? Family members, friends and neighbors hesitate to interfere when they suspect abuse in the home either out of loyalty to the person being abused or to protect the image of the family. Some argue that by speaking up, they will only make matters worse or if they speak up and report the violence, nothing will happen.

Domestic violence is recognized nationally in October, yet we must all recognize that this abuse is year-round. The consequences of ignoring those we love who are being hurt or are hurting, or those we casually see on our daily walk, lead to damaging social, economic and mental behaviors for both men and women.

Did you know that younger, unmarried women between the ages of 16 to 24 are at the greatest risk for domestic violence? Women are not the only victims; men and children are abused or witness abuse in the home as well.

Children who witness or experience trauma in the home are forever scared by this abuse; some turn to hurting or victimizing others, develop unsafe attachments to become victims or escape the memories with substances such as alcohol or drugs. I am a witness to this trauma — in my own family growing up — with experiences that haunt my siblings after more than 45 years.

Domestic violence is all around us. We must be more watchful to help others and to offer friendship, kindness and prayer. We must support one another, get help for offenders and remember that we are all God's loved children. As we meet others on our walk, be kind, look people in the eye and show God's love in your smile to support and encourage.

Ignoring domestic violence is not of God; we are called to love one another: "As I have loved you, so you should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:34-35).

Vermont Domestic Violence Resources:

Immediate Assistance: Call 911

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-799-7233

Agency of Human Services, Department for Children and Families: dcf.vermont.gov/resources/domestic-violence

Prevent Domestic and Sexual Violence: healthvermont.gov/children-youth-families/healthy-relationships/prevent-domestic-and-sexual-violence

Vermont Catholic Charities

South Burlington
802-658-6111 or
Toll Free: 1-877-250-4099

Middlebury
802-855-3016

Rutland Office
802-773-3379
Toll Free: 1-800-851-8379

St. Albans Office
802-658-6111

— *Terri McCormack, Marriage and Family Life
Coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington*

CHRIST OUR

Hope

BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH



Christ Our Hope: Building A Vibrant Church Campaign

Due to postal delays, the Christ Our Hope campaign mailing should arrive at homes the first week of October. Each household is invited to consider a sacrificial gift over a three year period based on their circumstances. The majority of the funds will support specific parish goals which will be outlined in the materials and the remainder will strengthen our faith formation programs and increase our emergency aid to families in financial crisis. Now more than every our parishes and community need this support. Please also visit the website to watch the campaign video and learn more about how this historic statewide Catholic campaign is vital for the future of our Catholic Church in Vermont: christourhopevt.org

Upcoming Events



09|29, 10|13 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.org/events/parentcafe.



10|01 THURSDAY

Theology on Tap with Sr. Paul Mary Dreger, FSE

Burlington • 6:45 - 8 pm

Come to Mass at the UVM Catholic Center at 6 pm! Following, at roughly 6:45pm, we'll meet at Switchback Brewing Company on Flynn Avenue — bring a blanket or lawn chair, we will be outside, weather permitting. Ages 18-39.



10|03 SATURDAY

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

First Saturday. Rosary, reconciliation, Mass.



10|07 WEDNESDAYS

Vermont Catholic Book Club: Frankenstein

Zoom • 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us as we read Mary Shelley's famous *Frankenstein*. We will discuss this chilling tale and some of the deeper moral themes at play. All meetings will be online. Bring a friend!



10|21 WEDNESDAY

VCP Networking Event

Venue TBD • 8 - 9:30 am

Our October guest speaker is John Reuwer,

MD — Retired Emergency Physician and Adjunct Professor, Saint Michael's College.

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

SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 3, 2020

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

COMPANIONSHIP

Do you ever feel disconnected and wish you could do more together as a couple? Take time this week to compile a list of 10 things you would like to do with your spouse, and 5 things you don't care to do with your spouse. Share your lists and talk about what you could do more of together.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

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2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Moving forward the Bishop's Annual Appeal request will be included within the Christ Our Hope Campaign materials. If you have not yet made a gift, please consider doing so now: bishopsappealvt.org

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: **\$2,651,157**

65% As of Sept. 16: **\$1,721,075**

Parent Café

Virtual Discussion Series for Catholic Parents

Join other Catholic parents in Vermont for these virtual discussions about life and faith. Each session includes a brief prayer and presentation, setting the stage for open and honest conversation on that week's topic. Join us for any or all sessions! Register at: www.vermontcatholic.org/events/parentcafe

ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

LIFE IS A BALANCING ACT!

TUESDAY, SEPT. 29
7:30 - 8:15PM

YOUR HABITS — THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY!

TUESDAY, OCT. 13
7:30 - 8:15PM