As Covid–19 changed the way society functioned, it also changed the way Catholics in Vermont prayed together. In-person prayer was halted and moved online along with the rosary.

The Daily Rosary Ministry began as a Facebook livestream from the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization. It then switched to daily rosary videos with Valerie Parzyck, administrative assistant for the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Each day she prays with a different person from the community including parishioners, seminarians and Bishop Christopher Coyne.

Her invitation to pray with others was answered by Jules Wetchi, a Lay Formation graduate whose project was to build up the Catholic French-speaking community at the St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington. Twice a week videos of him praying the rosary in French are posted.

“It’s great. I know for Jules’s community that (French) is their main language and to be able to live their faith in their primary language is important,” said Parzyck.

Others took notice of the French rosary and asked if a Spanish and Latin one could be offered as well. “It’s another way to access their faith. Exposure to diversity is always good,” she said.

In addition, Parzyck is working on posting rosary videos in American Sign Language. The pandemic has been difficult for those who are hard of hearing since masks take away their ability to read lips.

Parzyck said not a lot is offered for the deaf community especially when it comes to catechesis.

“People who are born deaf and go to Mass and catechism might not know what is going on,” she said. In order to bridge that gap, she reached out to the Deaf Ministry in St. Louis and the Archdiocese of Boston for resources. They shared their YouCat in ASL videos which explain the Catholic faith.

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization hopes to expand its language ministry and continue providing videos that accommodate everyone. “It brings us all closer together as a Diocese,” said Parzyck.

VTC - Alayna Masker

Where to find the Daily Rosary Apostolate

www.facebook.com/DioBurlington

Daily Rosary is live-streamed Monday – Friday at 10:30 AM.
Each daily Rosary is also recorded and posted to Facebook.

CHRIST OUR
Hope
BUILDING A VIBRANT CHURCH

Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

A portion of the funds raised through the Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign supports these types of ministries through the faith formation fund established in the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. This will ensure stable income for vital faith formation ministries, especially in times of crisis. To learn more about the campaign or make a gift online visit: www.christourhopevt.org.

10%  As of October 14: $1,033,887  Goal: $10,000,000
Upcoming Events

10|29, 11|12 THURSDAYS
Theology on Fire
UVM Catholic Center and Maille Dairy Farm,
Burlington • 6:45 - 8 pm
Young adults are invited to gather for Theology on Fire, a series of conversations on theological topics. We’ll begin with Mass at the UVM Catholic Center at 6pm. Following, join us at the Maille Dairy Farm, just 15 minutes away on Dorset Street. Bring a lawn chair and warm clothes! On October 29, Fr. Matthew Rensch will lead our discussion on “Conscience and the Holy Spirit.”

11|01 SUNDAY
Messe en français at St. Joseph Cathedral
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 6 pm
Fr. Harlow, Rector of the Cathedral of St. Joseph, will be celebrating a Sunday Mass in French. Music is provided by the French-speaking African community. All levels of French are welcome to attend. Ask your French teacher for extra credit if you are a high school, college or Alliance Française student!

11|07 SATURDAY
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am
Join us the first Saturday of every month. Rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 and Mass at 8:30.

11|14 SATURDAY
Women’s Retreat 2020
Zoom Meeting • 8 am - 4 pm
The Women’s Retreat this year will virtual, meeting online through Zoom. Please note that there will be no cost to participate in this event, which will be a modified day in comparison to “in-person” retreats. More information on how to register (online) will be shared in the coming weeks, as well as the details of the Retreat.

11|14 SATURDAY
Padre Pio Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am
The Padre Pio Prayer Group meets the second Saturday of each month. Rosary starts at 8am followed by Mass, 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.

11|22 SUNDAY
Holy Hour Prayers in One Accord
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 3 pm
The Blue Army friends are hosting this special intention prayers with Adoration, chanted Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Litany of Reparation in honor to the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and pray together, Jesus is waiting for you. Ask and you shall receive.

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Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator
St. Joseph Kervick Home, Rutland: Resident Services 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

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CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

MARRIAGE IS AN ADVENTURE
Revisit a list made earlier with adventures or hobbies you would like to explore or learn to try with your spouse. Together, discuss what you’ve tried and which one you would like to try next. If you haven’t made a list, now is the time to start your next adventure!

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

CHRIST OUR Hope
2020 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

As we launch the Christ our Hope campaign, we ask that you first prayerfully consider your annual gift to the Bishop’s Appeal which helps support statewide ministries today: bishopsappealvt.org. If you are able, we then ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to our first-ever statewide campaign over a three-year period to ensure the vibrant future of our parishes, schools and ministries to the poor.

2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal Goal: $2,651,157

as of October 14: $1,837,756

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