The Inland See
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Update on Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church

The Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church campaign Virtual Giving Challenge Nov. 21-22 was a big success! We received 79 gifts/pledges totaling $131,641 in two days. Thanks to matching gifts from Bishop Christopher Coyne and an anonymous donor, the 35 parishes listed in the sidebar will receive a $1,000 match towards their goal.

We already have been blessed with the generosity of many, and we share our gratitude on behalf of the parishes, who benefit the most from this campaign.

There are 83 churches engaged in this campaign with goals ranging from increasing parish ministries that serve the poor, to capital needs to make the parish more welcoming and accessible (such as a handicap ramp or paving the parking lot) to supporting evangelization and religious education. Every parish is stepping up to make the campaign a success. None of this would be possible without the efforts of the parish campaign volunteers and the leadership of our pastors. To view your parish’s progress visit: www.christourhopevt.org/parish.

As we approach the end of the year, we also ask that you prayerfully consider making a Bishop’s Annual Appeal gift. Due to the pandemic, we are only at 76 percent of our goal, and the annual appeal supports many of our essential ministries, including emergency aid to the poor, Catholic schools and religious education, vocations, Vermont Catholic magazine, lay and youth ministries and so much more.

When the pandemic closed our churches, the donations to the Bishop’s Appeal allowed us to keep our vital ministries going in new and creative ways. We increased our communication by livestreaming almost 200 faith-engagement activities including weekly and Sunday Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, daily rosary, daily scripture reflections and many other faith-engagement opportunities. We continued to provide emergency aid to families — many impacted by Covid-19 — moved our Catholic education online and guided our parishes to safely open for the public celebration of the Mass when the stay-home-order was lifted.

To make a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal or Christ Our Hope campaign, visit: www.vermontcatholic.org/donate

As we prepare ourselves for the birth of our savior, let us rejoice: Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift! — 2 Corinthians 9:15

With gratitude,

Ellen Kane

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Parishes receiving $1,000 matching gift

- Christ the King/St. Anthony Parish
- St. Joseph Cathedral Parish
- St. Mark Parish
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
- Our Lady of Grace Parish
- St. Pius X Parish
- Holy Cross Parish
- St. Ann Parish
- Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish
- St. Catherine of Siena Parish
- St. John Vianney Parish
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Williston
- St. Francis Xavier Parish
- Our Lady of the Valley Parish
- St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Windsor
- Christ Our Savior Parish
- Sacred Heart-St. Francis de Sales Parish
- St. Monica Parish
- Mary Queen of All Saints Parish
- St. Augustine Parish
- St. John the Evangelist Parish
- Our Lady of the Angels Parish
- Our Lady of the Snows/St. Patrick Mission
- St. Andrew Parish
- Mater Dei Parish
- Corpus Christi Parish
- Our Lady of Good Help Parish
- Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
- St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish
- All Saints Parish
- Ascension Mission
- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary/St. Louis Parish
- St. Andre Bessette Parish
- St. Patrick, Fairfield

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.

As of Nov. 25: $3,090,228

Goal: $10,000,000
Upcoming Events

12|07, 14, 21 MONDAYS
Pope Francis’ Fratelli Tutti Study with Msgr. McDermott via Zoom • 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Msgr. McDermott will host a three-part Zoom study which will focus on the major themes of the document. Participants are encouraged to read the document, or at least a summary of the document, prior to the meetings.
Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/

12|08, 15, 22 TUESDAYS
Praying with the Scriptures in Advent via Zoom • 7:30 - 8 pm
This Advent, prepare for the coming of Christ by praying with the Scriptures. Bring a prayerful end to your day as Michael Hagan guides you in reading, reflecting, responding, and resting with the previous Sunday's Gospel reading. This will be a Zoom webinar – participants will not be on camera/microphone but will be able to interact through chat.
Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/

12|10 THURSDAY
Parent Cafe: Advent Special via Zoom • 7:30 pm - 8:15 pm
Join other Catholic parents in our virtual café as we start with a fun game, have some laughs, and then discuss family Advent traditions. All parents welcome!
Hosted by Terri McCormick and Michael Hagan.
Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON
CAREERS
Diocese: Accounting Assistant — AP/AR
Rice Memorial High School, S. Burlington: Bookkeeper, Part-time
St. Peter’s Parish, Rutland: Administrative Assistant, Part-Time
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

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 November 25: $2,004,077