Caring during Coronavirus

Catholic communities continue outreach during pandemic

Each year the Office of Communications surveys our 69 parishes regarding their engagement in social ministries in the following categories: hunger, poverty, homelessness, illness and prison. Rooted in Matthew 25:35, our Catholic faith calls each one of us to put our faith into action by engaging in social ministries that serve the most vulnerable in our midst. The following survey results highlight our parishes’ commitment to social ministries throughout the Diocese of Burlington. Learn more in the Winter issue of Vermont Catholic Magazine.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.”

— Matthew 25:35

PARISH PARTICIPATION IN INDIVIDUAL MINISTRIES

95% Hunger

93% Poverty

80% Illness/Infirmity

55% Homelessness

20% Prison

100% of parishes pray for those experiencing illness/infirmity.

77% of parishes bring Mass services to family homes and residential care or nursing homes.

69% of parishes provide financial support for those experiencing homelessness.

66% of parishes provide vouchers for household goods to those in need.

60% of parishes hold food drives and collect food for the hungry.

30% of parishes hold clothing drives for those struggling with poverty.

Where to watch Christmas Eve and Day Mass

EWTN
www.ewtn.com/tv/schedule/united-states/2020-12-24
Christmas Eve: 3:30 p.m.
Christmas Day: 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral Livestream
www.vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/
Christmas Eve: 4 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10 a.m.

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 Dec. 3: $3,196,612
Goal: $10,000,000
**Upcoming Events**

12|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|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. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/

12|17 **THURSDAY**

**Virtual Theology on Tap**

Zoom • 7 pm

Grab a pint and join us over Zoom for Theology on Tap! Sr. Helena Burns, FSP will be speaking on “Theology of the Body.” Theology on Tap is a lecture and discussion series for young adults ages 18-39.

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/events/

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**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

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**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 December 3: $2,019,715

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**Love one another**

**IT’S THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

Our Savior draws near. Take time with your loved one(s) and share a memory of a cherished family time. Keep up with helping a person in need.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge

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