You are invited to a virtual professional development event with Vermont Catholic Professionals on Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 8 to 9 a.m. This free event is open to individuals from all career backgrounds and physical locations.

The guest speaker for this event is Deacon Pete Gummere, a bioethicist and director of the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of Burlington. He will be presenting, “Discernment: Family, Career and Service to the Church.” Vermont Catholic Professionals was established in 2018 as a networking group to create fellowship of professionals that also share values of the Catholic faith. The purpose of Vermont Catholic Professionals is to join Catholic men and women and others with shared values from the business and professional communities to encourage intellectual discussions, to foster professional and faith-based relationships and to inspire service and charity to their community.

Speaker Bio: Deacon Pete Gummere
Deacon Pete Gummere is director of the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Burlington. He is a bioethicist (M.S. in biological science and M.A. in theology; certified in Catholic Healthcare Ethics, National Catholic Bioethics Center). He also did graduate studies in management. He has served on the adjunct faculty at the Pontifical College Josephinum’s Diaconate Institute. He writes, consults and lectures on bioethics-related topics including at the International Colloquium of the International Association of Catholic Bioethicists and at the National Association of Diaconate Directors. He is a member of the National Catholic Bioethicists Center, International Association of Catholic Bioethicists and Catholic Medical Association Guild. Other faculty appointments have been with the New School in New York City, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Springfield College and Community College of Vermont. His primary career was in healthcare management; he served in various non-clinical capacities in Vermont and in the New York City area.
Upcoming Events

01|20, 27 WEDNESDAYS
Family & Faith in the Home
via Zoom • 8 - 9:30 pm
Parents are invited to attend interactive webinars sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester with guest speakers Mike and Alicia Hernon of the Messy Family Project.
January 20, 8-9:30 p.m. — Messy Parenting 101
January 27, 8-9:30 p.m. — Evangelizing Your Children
Register: vermontcatholic.org/event/family-faith-in-the-home/

01|20 WEDNESDAY
Vermont Catholic Professionals Virtual Event
via Zoom • 8 - 9 am
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01|21 THURSDAY
“Just Mercy” Book Study Group
via Zoom • 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Mercy Corps, a newly formed group of parishioners at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, is hosting an online book study for Just Mercy by Bryan Stevenson. The series will meet monthly, January through June. Saint John Vianney Church will have copies of the book available for $10/copy. For more information, to make arrangements to pick up a copy of the book, or to register, please contact Connie McDonald at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com.

01|23 SATURDAY
Mass for Life 2021
9:30 am - 10:30 am
The Mass for Life with Bishop Coyne will be at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier. You can join us in-person or online via a livestream. Following the Mass is the Rally for Life. See www.vrlc.net/ for updates and information.

01|31 SUNDAY
Envision Life
via Zoom • 6 - 8 pm
Join us for a virtual pro-life event live-streamed from Saint John Vianney Church in S. Burlington. The evening will begin with prayer and adoration and will be followed by two presentations, by Molly Sheahan, Associate Director for Respect Life Advocacy at Maryland Catholic Conference and Krista Corbello, Founder of Even This Way.

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CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

Love one another

Take time for silence and notice the sounds around you. Once you are inside, sip something warm and share what you noticed. Challenge each other to pray a Hail Mary together every day this week.

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