YOUR GIFT AT WORK

The following stories provide a glimpse of the impact of your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Any gift, no matter the size, makes a difference.

Vermont Catholic Charities

Vermont Catholic Charities is continuing to serve persons and families in need even during the Covid-19 pandemic. This past year, 972 adults and 477 children benefited from emergency aid — many impacted by Covid.

People like John and Maggie who have five children under the age of 16. They both worked, but Maggie had to give up her job to stay home with the children during Covid-19. John’s hours were cut during this time. They were behind on rent and worried about continuing to fall behind. They received assistance with back rent, help navigating the Covid-related benefits and a voucher for winter clothes and boots for the children. Both John and Maggie are back to work, and they are hopeful that they can stay ahead of their bills.

In addition to emergency assistance, Vermont Catholic Charities continues to provide counseling services. “Our counselors are continuing to meet with clients remotely via phone or videoconference call,” Pinard said.

Vermont Catholic Charities’ eldercare homes in Burlington, Rutland and Derby Line remained in full operation.

New Diocesan Formation programs

Four formation programs — including two that are new offerings — are set to begin in the late summer to ensure the spiritual and pastoral needs of Catholics throughout the Diocese of Burlington are being addressed: new classes for the Diocesan Lay Formation and Deacon Formation programs and new offerings of a Diocesan Leader of Prayer and a Pastoral Associate for Parish Life Training Program.

Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne “wants to ensure the spiritual and pastoral needs of Catholics throughout the Diocese are being attended too, which is what these programs are designed to inspire and equip men and women to do,” explained Deacon Phil Lawson, Executive Director of Pastoral Ministries for the Diocese of Burlington.

Each of the programs is set to begin in August/September.

The programs are part of a larger vision to inspire and equip men and women for greater service in the Church, under the umbrella of the Diocesan Institute for Missionary Discipleship. “Having already seen the faith, growth, joy and zeal manifested in the current students; I am eager to see this grow,” Deacon Lawson said. “Ultimately, we will have more and more men and women, filled with the joy of the Gospel and eager to share that passion and their gifts with their parishes as we seek to build vibrant Catholic communities.”

St. Joseph the Provider Feed the Hungry Initiative

In this Year of St. Joseph, Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne has announced a new coordinated effort to increase the Catholic Church’s capacity to feed the hungry in Vermont in response to increasing need.

In the Diocese of Burlington, there are 68 parishes, most of which have formed a partnership with their local food shelf or operate their own pantry. “From operating their own food shelf, to partnering with local food shelves to hosting regular food drives, our Catholic community is already actively engaged in feeding the hungry,” he said. “I began this initiative to increase our efforts across our Diocese to meet the growing need for food in the community.”

The St. Joseph the Provider Feed the Hungry Initiative is largely a communication effort to connect the Catholic community with organizations that feed the hungry and increase capacity.

“All our parishes are involved in multiple social ministries to help the most vulnerable among us. This initiative will harness the goodwill of the Catholic community to increase our capacity to ensure no one goes hungry by partnering with existing organizations and meeting the need,” Bishop Coyne said.
Upcoming Events

06/13 Sunday
Vermont Catholic Advance Directive Presentation
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6 pm
Bioethicist Deacon Pete Gummere will lead a discussion on the Vermont Catholic Advance Directive. The document complies with Vermont’s Advance Directive Law as well as with Church teaching.

06/19 Saturday
Ordination Mass
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am
Deacon Robert Murphy will be ordained to the priesthood and Mr. Gregory Caldwell will be ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Christopher J. Coyne. Due to the seating capacity restrictions, attendance at the Mass will be by invitation only. The Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website.

06/20-25 Sunday-Friday
Saint Anne’s Shrine
5 Day Directed Retreat
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte
The Society of St. Edmund will be conducting a 5-Day Directed Retreat in the Ignatian tradition. Using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants are invited to contemplate scripture passages in a silent environment, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. For more info: saintannesshrine.org/upcoming-retreats

06/20-08/06
Totus Tuus
June 20 – 25 • Colchester and Rutland
June 27 – July 2 • St. Albans and Stowe
July 11 – 16 • Brattleboro and Georgia
July 18 – 23 • S. Burlington and Bristol
July 25 – 30 • Newport and Middlebury
August 1 – 6 • Bennington and Barre
The Totus Tuus Summer Catholic youth program will be hosted at twelve locations in Vermont this summer.

07/03 Saturday
Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
Beginning with Rosary at 8 am, Confessions, and followed by Mass at 8:30 am.

07/10 Saturday
Padre Pio Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass and an opportunity to learn more about Padre Pio.

07/11 Sunday
Family Mass with Bishop Coyne
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12 pm
Join us for the Mass for Families at 12:15 pm. Bishop Coyne will be there to celebrate. A BBQ will follow — donations are appreciated. Please RSVP for the BBQ with Nancy at (802) 928-3362 or by emailing sas@sse.org — by Friday, July 2, 2021

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The Loretto Home, Rutland: Full-Time and Part-Time LNA or Nurse Aide — $500 Sign-On Bonus for Full-Time!
Michaud Manor Home, Derby Line: LNA or Nurse Aide P/T Day Shift
St. Joseph Kervick Home, Rutland: Full-Time and Part-Time LNA or Nurse Aide — $500 Sign-On Bonus for Full-Time!
St. Joseph’s Residential Care Home, Burlington: Cook F/T — $1000 Sign-On Bonus

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