The Christ Our Hope campaign is a three-year campaign. Due to the pandemic, the initial March 2020 launch was delayed until the Fall of 2020. Thanks to the generosity of many, we raised $4.46 million last October - December with most of the donations distributed directly back to parishes for their greatest needs! Many parishioners asked us to come back this year to consider a commitment. Over the next three months, we will continue our campaign to build vibrant parishes, strengthen faith formation, and increase emergency aid to the poor. Whatever we raise will be used for the Glory of God.

INITIATIVES

Endowment funds will be held at the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. The VCCF is a stand-alone nonprofit corporation that is separate from the Diocese of Burlington. The endowment funds for these ministries are designed to serve the ministries in perpetuity. All contributions made by benefactors to the Christ Our Hope campaign are restricted to uses outlined in this case for support.
Upcoming Events

10/20 WEDNESDAY
Vermont Catholic Professionals Virtual Networking Event
Online • 8 - 9 am
Lisa Falcone, executive director of Mercy Connections in Burlington, will be the next speaker at an online meeting of Vermont Catholic Professionals.
FOR MORE INFO: vermontcatholic.org/about/vermont-catholic-professionals/

10/27, 11/10 WEDNESDAYS
Living Joy Discussion Group
Online • 7 pm
Join us for Chris Stefanick’s Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Life Joy Every Day. This virtual event explores one rule every other week. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact ptunley@aol.com for more information.

10/26 TUESDAY
Saints & Sinners
Online • 7 pm
Join us each month to learn how a particular saint has influenced the life of our guest speaker. October: Fr. Curtis Miller presenting on Ven. Br. William Gagnon. For more info: vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.

10/28 THURSDAY
“Not just heartbreaks and honky-tonk: Country Music and Sacred Space”
Holy Family, Essex Jct. • 7 - 8:30 pm
Join us for an engaging event presented by Fr. Richard Berube, SSE, retired St. Michael’s College Religious Education Professor and Jeff Firlik, music minister. Please wear a mask so that we have a safe environment for all to participate.

11/06 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.

11/11 THURSDAY
Veterans Day Mass
St. Pius X, Essex • 7 pm
Fr. Dallas St. Peter, Chaplain of the Burlington Fire Department is the homilist and Cpt. Dan Davis, member of the National Guard Medavac team is the speaker. Reception to follow Mass sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

11/13 SATURDAY
Annual Women’s Retreat
St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne
8:30 am - 2:15 pm
Theme: The Heart of Prayer: Our living relationship with God. Check-in: 8:30 am. Key note speaker: Sister Barbara Cline of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist. Limited number of attendees, deadline registration November 6 with $30 payment. There will be a waitlist in event of cancellations made prior to retreat. Contact Terri McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 658-6110, Ext. 1451.

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Our Living Relationship with God
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Saturday, November 13 • St. Catherine of Siena, Shelburne
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2021
UPDATE
GOAL: $2,502,465
69%

As of Oct. 6, 2021: $1,716,664
To learn more or make a gift visit: vermontcatholic.org/giveonline

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

Love one another

OCTOBER 17 – 23, 2021

Pray the Rosary together every day this week, asking for the intercession of Mary for those who feel unloved.
vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge