Last fall, guided by the results of our diocesan-wide synod and input from thousands of parishioners, the Diocese of Burlington launched its first statewide campaign, Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church.

The focus of this campaign reflects the early ministries of Christ: “And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people” (Mt 4:23).

Each gift to the campaign supports the following ministries:

- **Preaching** — building vibrant and welcoming parishes (60% to parishes).
- **Teaching** — evangelization through faith formation programs (20%).
- **Healing** — emergency aid to households in crisis (20%).

The primary focus of this campaign has always been about helping our parishes. Each parish has specific goals developed by its parish council and pastor to address local, immediate needs that will create a more vibrant future, and many are close to reaching at least one of their tiered goals.

That is why 80% (instead of 60%) of new gifts and pledges made in December will be distributed to the parishes to support their efforts, and 20% will be split evenly between faith formation and emergency aid.

On Dec. 6, the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation will match the first 25 new gifts or pledges made online of $1,000 or more with a $1,000 grant directly to the parish — one match per parish. To make an online gift visit: christourhopevt.org/donate.

Many who were not able to commit to a gift last year asked us to come back this fall with our invitation to give. We are so grateful for all that we have received thus far during this very difficult time. Any gift, no matter the size, will make a difference. Please consider a gift to help your parish.

To learn more about your parish goals visit: christourhopevt.org/parish.

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.* — 1 Thes 5:16-18

Sincerely,

Ellen Kane
Executive Director of Development and Communications
Upcoming Events

Dec. 5, St. Mary’s Church in St. Albans: soloists Jake Banickman and John Scheindorfer
Dec. 12, St. Michael’s College chapel in Colchester: soloist Jerry Proulx
Dec. 19, Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe: soloist Elisabeth Ortiz.

As of Nov. 24, 2021: $1,834,325
To learn more or make a gift visit: vermontcatholic.org/giveonline

the joy of our faith! The day will feature talks by local clergy on the Advent themes of Hope, Faith, and Joy, followed by witness talks from local parishioners. There is no registration fee and no charge for lunch. FOR MORE INFO: contact Tom Lovett at lightoftheworldcorpuschristi@gmail.com.

Dec. 30 Thursday
More than the Magi: Celebrating the Riches of Epiphany 2022
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7-8:30 pm
A reflection on the history, liturgy, and spirituality of a feast of feasts, with Fr. Richard Berube, SSE.

Dec. 18 Saturday
Corpus Christi Parish Advent Retreat
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Danville
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Come re-encounter Jesus Christ, join Catholic brothers and sisters as we journey through Advent, and experience anew

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Careers
Christ the King School, Burlington:
Afterschool and Summer Camp Director

Diocesan Central Offices, South Burlington:
Human Resources Generalist

Diocesan Catechetical Leader

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister

St. Joseph’s Residential Care Home, Burlington:
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) — $1,000 Sign-On Bonus

St. Mark Parish, Burlington:
Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

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Challenges to Grow Your Marriage
The Second Week of Advent
Have you started a collection jar for good deeds during Advent? You might choose to donate to your local humane society, the St. Nicholas Project at the Kurn Hattin home in Westminister, VT, or to your local food shelf. Keep praying daily together for the needs of others.

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