

NEWS FROM The Inland See

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The Fatima Message: Now is the Time to do Our Part

In July 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three children at Fatima in Portugal and offered a series of messages for the conversion of the world to Her Immaculate Heart so as to seek an end to war and the dawn of world peace. Over the years, devotion to Our Lady of Fatima and her message has flourished in the Church. Still the dream of world peace has been a fleeting one.

In response to the recent onset of war in Ukraine, Pope Francis on March 25, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, renewed the consecration of the world, most especially Russia, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In union with all of the Catholic bishops and peoples of the world, he called for each

of us to offer prayers, penance and worship for the sake of world peace. Our Lady made quite clear in her messages at Fatima that the salvation of our world requires the work of us all.

One of the most important aspects of the Fatima message was Our Lady's request for the First Saturday devotion. In the July 13, 1917, apparition at Fatima, Our Lady said to the children, "God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart ... I shall come to ask for the Communion of Reparation on the first Saturdays." She came expressly with the request for this devotion when she later appeared to one of the three children to whom she had appeared earlier, Sister Lucia, on Dec. 10, 1925.

The First Saturday Devotion

(five consecutive First Saturdays of each month)

With the intention of making reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart, we are asked to:

- Go to Confession (may be eight days before or after)
- Receive Holy Communion (can be received at a Saturday evening Mass)
- Pray five decades of the rosary
- Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while meditating on one or more mysteries of the rosary (in addition to praying the rosary)

The Great Promise

Our Lady promised to assist all those who will practice the devotion of the first Saturday on five consecutive months with the graces necessary for salvation at the hour of their death. This is not a guaranteed passage into heaven; our cooperation with grace is always required.

Regular practice of the First Saturdays is a sign of our devotion to the Immaculate Heart and a desire on our part to make reparation for our personal and corporate sin. It also offers us an opportunity to pray for the souls in purgatory. Our Lady said at Fatima, "Many people go to hell because there is no one to offer sacrifices for them."

Practicing the First Saturday devotion monthly helps atone for their sins, consoles the Immaculate Heart of Mary and is a spiritual act of mercy.

— *Tom Hubbard is the coordinator for the Vermont Blue Army.*



Respect Life Ministry — What Is Article 22?

Planned Parenthood and its abortion allies continue to push aggressive abortion legislation at the national level and in all 50 states in the country. The Legislature of Vermont has approved Proposal 5, now called Article 22. Article 22 is a proposed amendment to the Vermont Constitution that will permit abortions — for any reason, through all nine months of pregnancy

— up to and including the day of birth. Article 22 will be on the 2022 Vermont General Election ballot in November for an up or down vote by Vermonters. **If Article 22 passes, we will have NO ability to protect the life of the unborn.** Vermont will then be the first state in the country to explicitly deny unborn children the right to life in its constitution.

Upcoming Events



04|30 SATURDAY Catholic Book Club

St. Mark, Burlington • 10:30 am - 12 pm

Join us as we discuss good catholic literature on the last Saturday of the month in the parish center library. This month, we are reading and discussing "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis. A classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven. An extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment.



04|30, 05|07, 14, 21, 28 SATURDAYS SoulCore

Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 3 - 4 pm

SoulCore is an invitation to nourish body, mind and soul through prayer and functional movement. Workout can be modified to suit ability and comfort level; the prayers are the main focus. Freewill donation. Suggested items: mat, water, weights (optional, 1-3 lbs popular).



04|29, 05|06, 20, 06|03 FRIDAYS The Challenge Club for Catholic Girls

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 6 - 8 pm

Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship and their Catholic faith. It's a place for girls to learn about themselves by doing apostolic projects and creating a positive impact on family, friends and the world. The mission of Challenge is to evangelize and transform the world by forming today's young girls to give their very best to others so that Christian culture will prevail in the hearts of everyone they meet. For more information about the Challenge Club Activities, contacts: Mary Niekrewicz, Mary.of.vt@gmail.com, (802) 878-5538, or Audrey Walko, audreycgsvt@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564.



04|30 SATURDAY Chicken Pie Supper

Lady of the Angels, Randolph • 5 - 7 pm

The Randolph Knights of Columbus (Charles Phillips Council #14351) are hosting a Chicken Pie Supper. Enjoy an amazing homemade chicken pie meal with all of the fixings, plus dessert! \$12 per adult; \$5 per child. Call the parish office (802) 728-5251 to make any reservations or if you have any questions.



05|01 SUNDAY Organ Concert with Donald McMahon

Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales,
St., Bennington • 3 pm

Donald McMahon will perform an organ recital, featuring works by Cesar Franck, Denis Bedard, Johann Sebastian Bach and an assortment of other selections that will showcase the versatility of the church's massive pipe organ. The performance is free and open to the public.



05|04, 18, 06|1, 15, 29 WEDNESDAYS Practicing the Presence of God via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

Practicing the Presence of God. . . a 6 week

Diocesan wide zoom exploration of this spiritual classic by Brother Lawrence. **More info:** mercygrace@protonmail.com.



05|07 SATURDAY Grief Support Group

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am

Calling all Widows and Widowers. . . You are invited to join us for a support group, run by Catherine "Kate" King, UVM Mental Health Clinician (LCMHC) on the first Saturday of the month, at 8 am at Holy Family Parish. Kate has been a group therapist in the community for over 20 years and is a widow herself. Join us for prayer, discussion and peer support for working through grief. Please call Kate with questions at (802) 881-5973.



05|10 TUESDAYS Seminar: The Creed Professed

via Zoom • 7 - 8:00 pm

Seminar based on Part I of the U. S. Catholic Catechism for Adults, as part of the diocesan's "Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life." Sessions are bi-weekly by zoom from May 10 through November 8. Offered and coordinated by Deacon Gesualdo Schneider and Paul Turnley. **REGISTER:** studythecreed@gmail.com



05|21 SATURDAY Ordination Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington
10 am

The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to Holy Orders as Deacons Brandon Schneider and Gregory Caldwell are ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ by Bishop Christopher Coyne. All are invited to join us in the Cathedral for this solemn liturgy of Ordination. Both men will offer their first blessings in the church following Mass. A reception follows in the parish hall.



05|22, 23 SATURDAY & SUNDAY Spring Concert by Les Chanteurs de Lorraine

05|22 • 6 pm • Blessed Sacrament, Stowe

05|23 • 4 pm • Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington

Les Chanteurs de Lorraine present "Et si on chantait", a spring choral concert at in Stowe and in Burlington. Sandra Penner, Choir Director / Ariane Benoit Bastien, Pianist.



06|19 - 08|06 Totus Tuus

Vermont's largest catholic summer program for kids returns, with 12 locations. **FOR**

MORE INFO: and registration forms, visit vermontcatholic.org/totustuus.

June 19 - 24 • Bennington and Waterbury

June 26 - July 1 • St. Albans and Barre

July 10 - 15 • S. Brattleboro and Stowe

July 17 - 22 • S. Burlington and Vergennes

July 24 - 29 • Newport and Rutland

July 31 - August 5 • St. Johnsbury and Georgia



06|24 FRIDAY Worldpriest Rosary Relay

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 4 pm

The Annual Global Rosary Relay for the

Sanctification of Priests will again take place on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This will be its thirteenth year, involving more prayer locations than ever, having grown from 24 single prayer locations in June 2003 its first year to 2,600 in 2020. Bishop Christopher J. Coyne will be leading the Rosary in Vermont. All are invited to attend either in person or via live-stream.



07|25, 26, 27 MON, TUES, WED Quebec Pilgrimage

Join the K of C Council #297 in St. Albans for a pilgrimage to Quebec. Stops include

Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré Shrine, Our Lady of the Cape Shrine in Trois-Rivières, St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal and St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte, Vermont. The cost includes all lodging, transportation and meals. Contact Bill Greenwood at (802) 527-0496 for more information.



07|29, 30, 31 Stebenville East Conference 2022

Springfield, MA

For rising 9th graders through graduating seniors. Cost: \$300, includes conference, hotel lodging, meals & t-shirt **FOR MORE INFO:** vermontcatholic.org/event/stebenville-east-conference-2022/

Devotions

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary — May 7

In these times, let us seriously consider one of the important messages from our Lady of Fatima — the First Saturday devotion for Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This includes attending five consecutive first Saturday masses, going to confession within eight days, receiving Holy Communion, and meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary for fifteen minutes.

All Saints, Richford	7:30 - 9:30 am	Confessions, followed by Mass at 8, then devotional prayers.
Essex Catholic Community	8 am - 5 pm	The Saturday Vigil Mass may be used for the First Saturday Devotion: St. Lawrence at 4 pm and St. Pius X at 4:30 pm.
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington	8 - 9:15 am	

Padre Pio Devotions (monthly) — May 14

Holy Family, Essex Junction	8 - 10 am	Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass, special intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the Holy Family Parish Hall after Mass.
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Does your parish offer special monthly devotion? Post it to the diocesan calendar and we will list it in *The Inland See*: vermontcatholic.org/events/community/add