Natural Family Planning Awareness Week
July 24–30, 2022

Called to the Joy of Love, Natural Family Planning, Supporting God’s gifts of love and life in marriage is the theme of this year's national Natural Family Planning Awareness Week (July 24–30, 2022).

As an educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), “NFP Week” celebrates God’s design for married love and the gift of life and raises awareness about Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods. “NFP,” as the U.S. bishops have written, are supportive of Catholic beliefs about married love because NFP “respects the God-given power to love a new human life into being.

These dates highlight the anniversary of the papal encyclical Humanae vitae (July 25) which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, marriage, conjugal love and responsible parenthood.

The Diocese of Burlington joins with the U.S. bishops in highlighting the benefits of NFP as ethical methods to help married couples live God’s design for their marriages. Throughout the week, look for videos from Vermont NFP Providers on the diocesan Facebook page as well as online at www.vermontcatholic.org/nfp.

Please join the diocesan NFP team to spread the word about God’s design for married love and the gift of life as well as the methods of NFP. Contact Terri McCormack at tmccormack@vermontcatholic.org to get involved.
**Upcoming Events**

**07/31 – 08/06**

**Totus Tuus**  
Vermont’s largest catholic summer program for kids returns, with 12 locations. For more information and to download registration forms, visit vermontcatholic.org/totustuus. Sessions began on June 19. Remaining dates and locations:  
- July 31 – August 5 - St. Johnsbury and Georgia

**07/26 – 11/08 TUESDAYS**

**The Creed Professed: a seminar on Part I of the U.S. Catholic Catechism for Adults**  
via Zoom • 7 – 8 pm  
This bi-weekly Zoom seminar is being offered as part of the Diocesan “Year of Communion: Unity in Creed, Worship and Life.” The first session was held on May 10. For information and to register: studythecreed@gmail.com

**July 26, Session 6: Man and Woman in the Beginning**  
Aug 9, Session 7: The Good News: God Has Sent His Son  
Aug 23, Session 8: The Saving Death and Resurrection of Christ  
Sep 13, Session 9: Receive the Holy Spirit (Jn 20:22)  
Sep 27, Session 10: The Church: Reflecting the Light of Christ  
Oct 11, Session 11: The Four Marks of the Church  
Oct 25, Session 12: Mary: The Church’s First and Most Perfect Member  
Nov 8, Session 13: Our Eternal Destiny

**07/27, 08/03, 10, 17, 24, 31 WEDS**

**Summer Reflection Series at Saint Anne’s Shrine**  
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle LaMotte  
11:15 am  
We hope you can join us for the 11:15 am Mass followed by the presentation. Lunch is available in the cafeteria after the presentation, except for July 27 when you can bring your own picnic lunch. Please call or email us with any questions at (802) 928-3362 or sas@sse.org.

- August 10: Rev. David Gray, S.S.E., St. Lawrence the Martyr: Dying to Self August 17: Rev. Michael Carter, S.S.E., Presidents and Piety: Catholic Schools in America  
- August 24: Monsignor Peter Routhier, The Role of Saints in the Life of the Church August 31: Rev. Richard Myhalyk, S.S.E., How We See God: Our Spiritual Lens on Life

**07/29 FRIDAY**

**Day of Recollection Retreat**  
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle LaMotte  
10 am – 3 pm  
Come and enjoy a day of recollection here with us at the Shrine. The day long retreat includes Mass and lunch. Cost is $30 per person and reservations are required. To reserve your spot, please call Nancy at (802) 928-3362.

**07/30, 31, 08/01, 02, 03 SAT - THURS**

**Parish Mission with the Franciscan Friars of the Primitive Observance**  
Saint Michael, Brattleboro  
This parish mission includes:  
- Weekend Masses  
- Confessions  
- High School Gathering, Sat. at 7pm  
- Eucharistic Procession, Sun. at 11:30am  
- Daily Masses at 9am  
- Preached Meditations, Sun.-Tues. at 7pm  
- Healing Service, Wed. at 7pm  
- Morning and Evening Prayer  
- Rosary, half-hour before Mass  
- Stations of the Cross, daily at 3pm  
FOR MORE INFO: (802) 257-5101.

**08/13 SATURDAY**

**Amendment 22/Prop 5 Information Session**  
Saint Michael, Brattleboro  
9:30 am – 12 pm  
Speakers include: Deacon Pete Gummere M.S., M.A. Bioethicist, Diocese of Burlington; Annisa Lamberton, Spokesperson for Vermonters of Good Government; Carol Kauffman of Vermont Family Alliance; Mary Beerworth, Executive Director, Vermont Right to Life. FOR MORE INFO: (802) 257-5101.

**09/24, 25 SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level II Course for Adults**  
Saint Andrew, Waterbury  
This Level II course builds upon the foundation of the Level I course and prepares catechists to work with 6-9 year old children. Complete dates: Sept 24-25, Nov 5-6, 2022, Jan 7-8, Mar 18-19 (tentative) 2023; May 13-14 (snow make-up date), June 19-25, 2023. Learn more about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd at www.cgsusa.org. MORE INFO: Kathleen Cosentino, kcosentino@madriver.com or (802) 233-3009.

**Six Reasons to Oppose Proposal 5/Article 22**

1. Inhumane  
2. Dangerous  
3. Exploitative  
4. Expensive  
5. Unconscionable  
6. Consequential

How is the amendment Consequential? Proposal 5 would prevent parents from any involvement in the most serious decisions regarding their minor children — from abortion to sterilization to transgender hormones and surgeries.

A MESSAGE FROM THE

**U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking**  
Ending Slavery Is Everyone’s Work

July — Check to see if there are residences around you that serve survivors of trafficking. Staff in these residences help to restore the lives of survivors and can use your support.

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