A naturopathic doctor and Creighton Model FertilityCare practitioner and medical consultant will be the speaker at the January meeting of Vermont Catholic Professionals.

Dr. Jessica Whelan, a parishioner of Holy Angels Church in St. Albans, will address common hormonal and reproductive health struggles women and couples are experiencing and how she can help bring them to restored hormonal balance, optimal fertility and a more thriving, vibrant life with healthier relationships.

“Through naturopathic medicine and the Creighton Model, I am able to provide healthcare that upholds the fully human dimensions of sexuality: spiritually, physically, emotionally, psychologically,” she said. “Both naturopathic medicine and the Creighton Model evaluate and treat the root cause of health imbalances. Spending greater one-on-one time with my clients and getting the full picture of their health (physically — all the body systems work together — mentally, spiritually, emotionally, relationships) helps me do the detective work and put the puzzle pieces together.”

She was drawn to naturopathic medicine because it “looks at the whole person and is a helping profession,” she added.

Whelan attended medical school at the National University of Natural Medicine in Portland, Oregon, and did a 1-year primary care residency with Dr. Michel Moreau at his private practice, Health Integrative, in St. Albans. She began her own private practice in St. Albans in 2021.

She explained The Creighton Model: It is world-class, revolutionary and comprehensive women’s healthcare. Through charting the reproductive and gynecological signs that their body gives them each day, women have an objective language that doctors trained in this method can understand. It evaluates and treats health issues in ways that work cooperatively with the body, without suppressing or destroying fertility. It upholds and promotes the fully human dimensions of sexuality. It empowers couples to understand their shared fertility so they can precisely identify days of fertility/infertility to naturally achieve/avoid pregnancy as well as enjoy deeper intimacy, improved communication and stronger marriages.

She said it is important for Catholic professionals to gather because their faith “intersects every aspect of life – it’s not something we compartmentalize.”

“We are called to share the Good News of the Gospel in the midst of our daily lives and professions,” she continued. “Having the support of each other is so important.”

The meeting will take place Jan. 18 at 8:30 a.m. at the diocesan office building at 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington.

To register, go to vermontcatholic.org/vcp

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Join us for our next Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast 
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 • 8:30 AM
Diocese Offices, 55 Joy Drive, S. Burlington

Enjoy light breakfast foods and beverages • Presentation begins at 9 AM • Opportunity for networking before and after the presentation
Zoom option is also available!

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/vcp
Upcoming Events

01|11, 18, 25, 02|01, 08, 15 WEDNESDAYS
Good News Bootcamp
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:45 - 8:30 pm
The Holy Spirit has been nudging you lately to reignite your joy and dig a little deeper into our Catholic faith? Please join us in discussing how we as Catholics can bring healing, transformation, virtue, and enthusiasm to our world. Check out our website at sjvhnviannyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp to discover what each week’s topics will be. Join us for the sessions that interest you or join us for all of them! Questions? Contact Connie at SJVGoodNews@gmail.com.

01|10, 12, 02|07, 09 TUES & THURS
Walking With Families
via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm
This series of discussions will share the beauty of the Catholic Church’s teachings on Theology of the Body as well as offer practical tips and suggestions from local professionals, clergy, religious and lay persons about how to talk about the gift of our sexuality, respond to gender identity issues, and more with our youth, our parents, our family, and friends.

Presenters for January 10 & 12 are Father Jon Schnobrich and Sharon Trani, MSN, MAFT, APRN/Nurse Practitioner, Marriage and Family Therapist.

Presenters for February 7 & 9 are Daniel Lacourrègue, Diocesan Catechetical Leader; Sister Paul Mary Dreger, Marriage and Family Therapist, and Sharon Trani, MSN, MAFT, APRN/Nurse Practitioner, Marriage and Family Therapist.

For more info: https://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/walking-with-families-3/

01|12, 19, 26, 02|02, 09, 16, 23
THURSDAYS
“Surviving Divorce” Group
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6 - 7 pm
Navigating the first ten years of marriage can be a challenge — no matter how long you’ve known each other. Join with other couples to build healthy relationships that foster the plan God has for your marriage. Enhance your relationship, meet other couples, and grow your marital relationship. You only need to register once to join. We meet virtually, once a month. Registration link can be found at: vernontcatholic.org/event/married-life-the-first-5-years

01|12, 19, 26 THURSDAYS
Weekly Bible Study
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 7 pm
Every Thursday at 7 pm we will gather in the parish hall library to read and discuss the Gospel for the coming Sunday. All are welcome! Weekly schedule continues in January after a break for Christmas.

01|14 SATURDAY
St. Peter’s Cemetery Committee — Bingo
St. Peter Parish Hall, Vergennes • 5 - 9 pm
Doors open at 5 PM, Bingo starts at 6 PM. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Sponsored by St. Peter’s Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.

01|18 WEDNESDAY
Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast
In-Person and via Zoom • 8:30 - 9:30 am
Dr. Jessica Whalen will address the Vermont Catholic Professionals group at the first networking breakfast of 2023. This networking breakfast event will be held at the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington Brady Center, 55 Joy Drive, S. Burlington. Light breakfast foods and beverages will be available. The presentation will begin at 9 am. If you are unable to attend in person the speaker’s presentation will be live-streamed via Zoom.

01|19 THURSDAY
Franklin Deanery Holy Hour
St. Rose of Lima, S. Hero • 6 pm
The Franklin Deanery will host a Holy Hour, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

01|19 THURSDAY
Married Life – The First 10 Years
via Zoom • 7 pm
Navigating the first ten years of marriage can be a challenge — no matter how long you’ve known each other. Join with other couples to build healthy relationships that foster the plan God has for your marriage. Enhance your relationship, meet other couples, and grow your marital relationship. You only need to register once to join. We meet virtually, once a month. Registration link can be found at: vernontcatholic.org/event/married-life-the-first-5-years

01|28 SATURDAY
Rosary, Mass, Rally for Life
St. Augustine, Monpelier • 9 am
Bishop Christopher Coyne will celebrate the Mass for Life at St. Augustine Church in Montpelier. Before Mass a Rosary for Life will be led by Deacons of the Diocese, at 9 am. The Rally for Life at the Vermont Statehouse will follow the Mass for Life (time TBD.)

02|05 SUNDAY
World Marriage Day Mass
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am
Married Catholic couples who are celebrating milestone anniversaries (5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 51, or more) during 2023, and who wish to be recognized are invited to attend the Diocese of Burlington Annual Mass. Pre-Registration is required by contacting Nicole Hamilton, nhamilton@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 6110, ext. 1131. Please provide the information of the Catholic parish married, parish presently attending, and the anniversary being celebrated. Parishes who wish to recognize significant anniversaries locally, can request certificates signed by Bishop Coyne, and mailed to the parish by contacting Nicole Hamilton (see above.) Please include the couple’s names, anniversary year (5, 10, 15, 20, 50, 51, or more), Catholic parish married, and priest/deacon. Requests accepted through January 27, 2023.

02|15 WEDNESDAY
Franklin Deanery Holy Hour
St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 6 pm
The Franklin Deanery will host a Holy Hour, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

02|22 WEDNESDAY
Ash Wednesday
Lent begins today.

A MESSAGE FROM THE
U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking
Ending Slavery Is Everyone’s Work

January — Chocolate is a favorite of choice for many however we consume it, in candy or drinks. Do you know that children as young as 9 and 10 work long hours every day on chocolate farms to satisfy the demand for chocolate.

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