

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

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FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

## Bringing to life the synodal call for 'communion, participation, mission'

Reports coming out of the worldwide synodal process indicate a sense of the faithful which could be transformative of how the Church will carry out its mission.

The process initiated by Pope Francis has Catholics throughout the world encountering one another at "consultations" (listening sessions), some face-to-face and others through various media. We have been bringing to life the synodal call for "communion, participation and mission." What seems to be emerging is a more inclusive way to do church, both a listening and teaching church.

The word "synodal" simply means "journeying together." This journeying began with listening sessions in parishes throughout the world early in 2022 and was Stage One of the process.

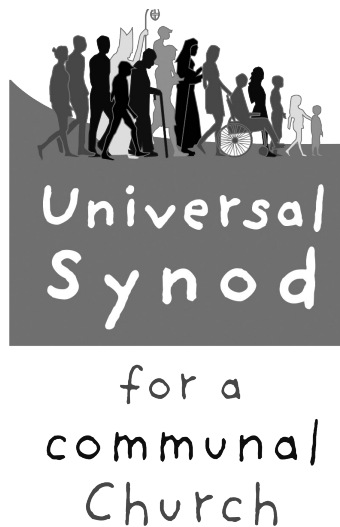
Stage Two has included each Diocese synthesizing the parish consultation reports then sending them to their national bishop's conferences (in the United States, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops). Each conference then synthesized the diocesan documents and sent their national report to the Vatican.

The Vatican organized groups of theologians, lay people, ordained ministers and others to analyze the hundreds of national reports from throughout the world and write a synthesis report. The resulting 45-page document is titled "Enlarge the space of your tent" (Is 54:2). It is described as a "working document for the continental stage" and was studied by many groups from every nation organized into seven continental regions. Delegations of lay people, priests, bishops, consecrated persons and others comprised the regional consultations whose reports will be sent to Rome in preparation for Stage Three.

Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne appointed five Vermont delegates to participate in the consultations of the North American region, consisting of Canada and the United States: Katharin Brink, Essex Catholic Community; Monica Cayia, St. Mark Parish in Burlington; Deacon Chris Noble, St. Anthony Parish in White River Junction; Ellen Kane, Cathedral of St. Joseph in Burlington; and Joseph Gainza, St. Augustine Parish in Montpelier.

Stage Three, the final stage, will take place in October 2023 and October 2024 at the Vatican and will include bishops and lay members.

At the meeting I attended, one of 14 that took place that day, women and men of various ages, including several young adults and a priest from Newfoundland, discussed the continental stage document. I was struck by the general tone of the conversation. It seemed the consultation process already had affected how lay participants see ourselves. We spoke not "to" the Church but "from" the Church in recognition that all the faithful are the Church, the



People of God.

By journeying together, listening to one another and prayerfully listening for the movement of the Holy Spirit, all the faithful take on the responsibility of fulfilling the mission of the Church to proclaim Jesus as Lord.

This is truly a remarkable event in the history of the Church; comparable to the transformation initiated by Vatican II (1962-65) and, in fact, in many ways a logical outgrowth of that council.

— *Joseph Gainza is a synod delegate from St. Augustine Parish in Montpelier.*



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# Upcoming Events



04|26 WEDNESDAY  
**Contemplative Prayer Series**  
*Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center, Essex Jct.*  
 9:15 - 10:15 am

Join us for this series led by Louise Boisvert, a member of Notre Dame de Vie, a Secular Institute, founded in the 20th century by Blessed Marie Eugene of the Child Jesus, a carmelite father.



04|26, 05|03, 10, 17, 24, 31  
 WEDNESDAYS  
**Good News Bootcamp**  
*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:45 - 8:30 pm*

Please join us in discussing how we as Catholics can bring healing, transformation, virtue, and enthusiasm to our world. See topics on our website at [stjohnvianneyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp](http://stjohnvianneyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp).



04|29 SATURDAY  
**Mount St. Joseph Academy Live & Silent Auction Night**  
*Mount St. Joseph Academy, Rutland*

6 - 10 pm  
 Tickets are \$15 per person, with a cash bar available (21 and older only); light hors d'oeuvres; 50/50; and plenty of time to dance with MC Sounds. Purchase tickets through the Development Office at 802-775-0151 ext. 2015 or via email to Carly Ward at [cward@msjvermont.org](mailto:cward@msjvermont.org).



05|02, 06|06 TUESDAYS  
**Our Lady's Kitchen — Bethel**  
*St. Anthony, Bethel • 11 am - 1 pm*  
 Free meal! Come one, come all!



05|08 MONDAY  
**Bereavement Support Group**  
*St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 5:15 pm*

Bereavement Support Group led by Kyle Sipples. All are welcome to join. In order to encourage discussion, these meetings are confidential.



05|13 SATURDAY  
**Bingo for St. Ambrose/St. Peter Youth Ministry**  
*St. Peter, 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. This event is sponsored by St. Ambrose & St. Peter's Youth Ministry to benefit the on-going program costs and the upcoming trip to Rome.



05|14 SUNDAY  
**Vergennes Council Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet**  
*St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am*

\$10/adults, \$6/children 8-12 (\$32 family maximum).



05|14 SUNDAY  
**Monthly COSP Knights of Columbus Fund Raising Breakfast**  
*Christ Our Savior, Manchester*  
 9 am - 12 pm

Supporting Parish and Community outreach programs.



05|20 SATURDAY  
**Walk to Mary**  
*Isle LaMotte • 9 am - 2 pm*  
 Join us for a 2.3 mile walk from St. Joseph, Isle La Motte to St. Anne's Shrine starting at 9 am, praying the Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet while we walk. When we get to the shrine, there will be Mass at 11 am, a break for lunch, then Stations of the Cross for Life at 1 pm. For those who cannot walk with us and would still like to participate, there will also be a Holy Hour of Adoration at St. Anne's Shrine starting at 9:30 a.m. **FOR MORE INFO: contact Janice (802) 848-3834, [janicegodin@myfairpoint.net](mailto:janicegodin@myfairpoint.net) or Renee (802) 370-2231 or [rjpatterson1962@gmail.com](mailto:rjpatterson1962@gmail.com) with any questions.**



05|20 SATURDAY  
**St. Peter's Cemetery Committee — Bingo**  
*St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 9 pm*

Doors open at 5:00 PM, Bingo starts at 6:00 PM. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



06|03 SATURDAY  
**First Saturday Mass and Devotions**  
*All Saints, Richford • 7:30 - 9:30 am*

Please join us every first Saturday for confession, Mass, and devotions. Confessions from 7:30 to 7:50, followed by Mass at 8 am, then devotional prayers. All are welcome!



06|03 SATURDAY  
**First Saturday Devotion**  
*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 8 am*  
 Mass at 8 am, followed by Rosary and Confessions at 8:30 am.



06|03 SATURDAY  
**First Saturday Mass**  
*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am*  
 Every first Saturday starting with Confessions and the Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass at 8:30 am.



06|16 FRIDAY  
**Worldpriest Rosary Relay**  
*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 11:30 am*  
 Join people around the world in praying

the Rosary. Bishop Coyne will lead the Rosary and it will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website as well as aired on Our Lady of Perpetual Help radio.

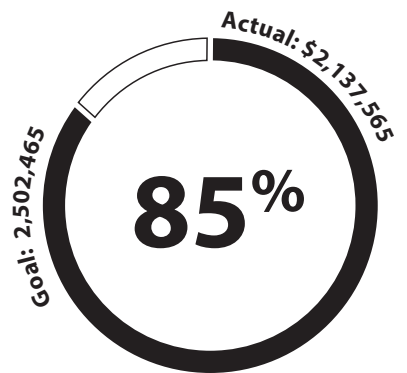


07|21, 22, 23  
**Steubenville East 2023**  
 Open to all rising 9th grade students up to just graduated seniors. **FOR MORE INFO: [vermontcatholic.org/event/steubenville-east-2023/](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/steubenville-east-2023/).**

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“As a priest the offering is made by me.  
 As a sinner, the offering is made for me.”

— *from the personal memoir of one of our diocesan priests*