Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In St. Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians, he writes: “You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.”

Saint Paul is answering a question that many of us may ponder when asked to give a contribution: Why should we, willingly and cheerfully give money, or time, or energy, or effort to meet the needs of others? Because when we do so, we are acting as disciples of Jesus and putting our Catholic faith in action. We are acting as stewards of the graces and blessings that God has given us.

When you offer a gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, you are fulfilling the call of discipleship by sharing the blessings you have received from our Heavenly Father. When you give, you act in support of raising critical funds needed by our 20+ statewide ministries, services, and programs at the heart of the mission of our Diocese. You also support the dedicated workers within these ministries who compassionately respond to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families through emergency aid, prison ministry, counseling, spiritual retreats, lay formation and Catholic education.

This year marks the 170th anniversary of our diocese. As we celebrate this milestone, let us gratefully remember the many sacrifices of the bishops, priests, religious and countless laypeople who built our diocese, grew our diocese, and embraced our diocese with generosity, love, and commitment. Inspired by their example, may we humbly continue this same legacy of dedication to the Catholic Church in Vermont.

Join me and together we will move forward in our mission to serve another 170 years as disciples of our Lord. Please, prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2023 appeal by responding to the mailing that you received, or by offering a sacrificial gift next week end at your church.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington

Ways to give

Give Online
vermontcatholic.org/giveonline
or scan the QR code to the left.

Donate By Mail
Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Diocese of Burlington
55 Joy Drive
South Burlington, VT 05403

Stock Gifts/Planned Gifts
802-658-6110 ext.1226
ekane@vermontcatholic.org
6:30 – 10 am

In case of inclement weather Mass will be held at Holy Family Church. The Celebrant will be Fr. Charles Ranges, S.S.E. The Post Communion Reflection will be delivered by Jane Davis. The topic is “The Joys and Challenges of being a Military Wife.” Jane grew up in a military family, is married to an active-duty member of the military and her son served in Afghanistan. The Knights of Columbus will once again graciously provide refreshments after Mass. If you wish to have a deceased member of the military remembered during the Prayers of the Faithful, please contact Mike Goodrich directly at mpgoodrich1026@gmail.com or 802-735-5595 no later than Saturday, May 27. Include the individual’s full name, dates of service and branch of the military in which he/she served.

**5|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 stjohnvianneeyvt.org/good-news-bootcamp.

**6|02, 09 FRIDAYS**

**The Chosen Season 3**
St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, Lyndonville
5 – 7:30 pm

Join us for dinner at 5; the show will start at 5:30. If you can’t make it for dinner, no worries — just come for the show! Note: June 9 is the last date of the series.

**6|03 SATURDAYS**

**First Saturday Devotions**
All Saints, Richford
7:30 – 9:30 am
Confessions from 7:30 to 7:50, followed by Mass at 8 am, then devotional prayers. All are welcome!

**5-Day Silent Retreat • St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte**

Retreat begins Sunday, June 11 at 7 pm and concludes Friday, June 16 at 1 pm.

The Society of St. Edmund will be conducting a 5-Day Directed Retreat in the Ignatian tradition. Using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants are invited to contemplate scripture passages in a silent environment, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. Spiritual Directors are specifically trained for this type of retreat and will serve as companions and co-discerners of the Spirit during the retreat. Applicants should be comfortable maintaining an atmosphere of silence and be able to share their prayer experience with a Spiritual Director in a daily meeting of about forty-five minutes.

The cost is $550 per person which includes a private room and all meals. A $250 non-refundable deposit is due with application which can be obtained by calling Joe Gallagher at (802) 928-3362 or via email at jgallagher@sse.org. Space is limited due to private bedroom accommodations and married couples attending will be assigned to separate cabins.