Pope Francis Appoints the Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne as Coadjutor Archbishop of Hartford to Succeed Archbishop Leonard P. Blair in 2024

On June 26, 2023, the Vatican announced that the Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne, until now the Bishop of Burlington, as the Coadjutor Archbishop for the Archdiocese of Hartford. He will succeed Archbishop Blair as Archbishop of Hartford when in 2024 the latter submits his resignation at the age of 75 in keeping with church law. The Archbishop of Hartford is responsible for the spiritual shepherding of the half-million Catholics in Hartford, New Haven, and Litchfield counties; Archbishop Blair has served in this role since December of 2013.

Archbishop Coyne has served as Bishop of Burlington since December 2014. During his time as bishop, he has carried out a Diocesan Synod, ministered with his clergy, staff, and parish leaders through the Covid pandemic, and maintained the good works of the Catholic schools of the state. Under his leadership the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation [VCCF] was established to foster and support the good works of the Church throughout the state.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops defines a coadjutor as “a bishop appointed to a Catholic diocese or archdiocese to assist the diocesan bishop. Unlike an auxiliary bishop, the coadjutor (arch)bishop has the right of succession, meaning that he automatically becomes the new bishop when the diocesan bishop retires, resigns, or dies.”

Archbishop Coyne will take up residence in the Archdiocese of Hartford with a Mass of Welcome to be celebrated at St. Joseph Cathedral, Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Hartford, on Monday, October 9, 2023, at 2 PM.

Archbishop Coyne will serve as the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Burlington until his welcome in the Archdiocese of Hartford in October at which time the Diocesan College of Consultants will elect an administrator to lead the Diocese of Burlington until a new bishop is appointed by the Holy Father.

“To the clergy, staff, and people of the Diocese of Burlington, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Ordinary for the past eight years. Over the next three months of transition to the Archdiocese of Hartford, I will continue to serve as your Apostolic Administrator and during this time I will hopefully meet many of you in person to offer my thanks and say ‘Auf Wiedersehen’ — Until we see each other again,” Archbishop Christopher Coyne.

To watch a special edition of Coffee with Archbishop Coyne about this announcement visit vermontcatholic.org/coffee-with-archbishop-coyne or scan the QR code to the right.

— Ellen Kane, Executive Director of Communication and Development
Upcoming Events

07|09 – 08|04 MONDAY – FRIDAY

Tutus Tuus
Tutus Tuus is one week long, with the grade school (grades 1-8) session during the day from 9am to 3pm, and a session for high school students each evening. The week is led by our enthusiastic team of Tutus Tuus missionaries! To download a registration form, visit: vermontcatholic.org/totustuus.

07|09 – 08|28
July 9 – 14
Sacred Heart-St. Francis deSales, Bennington
Christ the King, Rutland
July 16 – 21
Mater Dei, Newport
St. John Vianney, South Burlington
July 23 – 28
St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls
Blessed Sacrament, Stowe
Jlyy 30 – Aug. 4
Corpus Christi, St. Johnsbury
Ascension, Georgia

07|12, 19 WEDNESDAYS
St. Michael Church Summer
Lecture Series
Saint Michael, Brattleboro • 5 pm

07|12: Father Carlos Viego, who will focus on Mary, Holy Mother of God
07|19: Mr. Peter Orlowski, Dean of Students and Middle and High School Teacher at Saint Michael School

07|12 – 08|30 WEDNESDAYS
Wednesday Reflection Series
St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte • 11:15 am
Join us for Mass at 11:15 am followed by the presentation. Lunch is available in the cafeteria after the presentation, or you can bring your own picnic lunch. FOR MORE INFO: (802) 928.3362 or sas@sse.org.

07|12: Fr. David Theroux, SSE
Faithful Celebration of the Mass
07|19: Fr. Richard Myhalyk, SSE
Understanding the Parables of Jesus
07|26: Feast of St. Anne — No Reflection Series
08|02: Fr. Richard Berube , SSE
From Jesus to Gospels: Why They Wrote and How
08|09: Msgr. Peter Routhier
Praying at Eucharistic Adoration
08|16: Fr. Michael Carter, SSE
St. Justin Martyr on the Eucharist
08|23: Fr. David Theroux, SSE
180 Years of Edmundite Ministry Since 1843
08|30: Fr. Richard Myhalyk, SSE
The Life of St. Edmund of Canterbury

07|13, 14, 15, 16 THURSDAY – SUNDAY
Padre Pio Relic Events
Padre Pio Relics will be touring the diocese, visiting four locations July 13 – 16.
07|13 — St. Mary Star Of The Sea, Newport
Veneration 9 am – 6:30 pm, Mass 6:30 pm
07|14 — St. Monica, Barre
Veneration 7 am – 7 pm, Mass 7 am
07|15 — Christ the King, Burlington
Veneration 10:30 am – 6:00 pm , Mass 10 am
07|16 — St. John the Baptist, Bennington
Veneration 10:30 am – 6 pm, Mass 10 am

07|16, 23, 30 SUNDAYS
Teachings on Spiritual Discernment
St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 1 pm
For four Sundays in July during which Fr. Harlow and Deacon Tom Lovett will offer sessions dealing with spiritual discernment. The sessions will include teaching and time for discussion. Plan to come and bring a friend!

07|19 WEDNESDAY
Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast
Chancyer, 55 Joy Drive, S. Burlington
8:30 am (presentation at 9 am)
Our speaker will be David Young, Superintendent of Catholic Schools. Light breakfast foods provided. Zoom option available. Register for either option at: vermontcatholic.org/vcp

07|23 SUNDAY
St. John the Baptist Annual Chicken BBQ
St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls
11 am
Dine-in and curbside pick-up available. Dinner Includes 1/2 chicken, coleslaw, potato salad, cookie and milk.

07|30 SUNDAY
St. Mary’s Church Brunch
St. Mary, Franklin • 8 am – 12:30 pm
Adults $12, children 7-16 yrs. $8, under 7 are free. All you can eat! Take-outs are available.

08|06 SUNDAYS
Eucharistic Healing Service
St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury
3 pm
Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Sunday of every month with Fr. Harlow.

Eucharistic TESTIMONIALS

“The Mass and Adoration are highlights in my week; one unites me with many as we hear the Word of God, the other is a quiet time, a precious gift for each of us to communicate with our Lord.”
— Mary Ann Church
Our Lady of the Valley, Bethel

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

Progress: 51% to goal
Raised: $1,282,811 as of June 28
Goal: $2,503,354

Ways to give

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Diocese of Burlington
55 Joy Drive
South Burlington, VT 05403

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ekane@vermontcatholic.org

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Submit your Eucharistic Testimonial to: revival@vermontcatholic.org