On July 29, 1853, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington was founded and every year on July 29th we celebrate Founder’s Day. In this commemorative anniversary of 170 years, we celebrate all the bishops, pastors, and lay leaders who built our Diocese over the years to our current parishes and ministries.

Bishop Louis deGoësbriand was the first bishop of the Diocese of Burlington and served until his death in 1899. The ‘founding bishop’, he used all his inherited wealth to build the Church in Vermont, bringing it from missionary territory to leaving behind a Church that had grown in number of Catholics, number of churches, and number of Catholic schools. By 1891, there were eight academies and 16 parochial schools in the Diocese with seven congregations of women religious to staff them, six of the schools founded during this time are still around today. Five priests had awaited his arrival, and the number of Vermont priests grew to 52 in 1892 thanks to his efforts to foster vocations in Vermont and recruit priests from France, Canada and Ireland. The number of churches increased from 10 to 78 during his episcopacy, and the number of Catholics grew from less than 20,000 to more than 46,000 — most Irish or French-speaking Canadians. “There is no nook, no corner, no hamlet, no village, no town, no city of this Diocese which has not been repeatedly blessed by his presence and his labors,” said a bishop during Bishop deGoësbriand’s funeral.

We have once again found ourselves as a missionary diocese with an aging population and declining participation, making the ministries of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal essential, which include supporting our pastoral ministries, Catholic schools, emergency aid, vocations, and faith formation programs.

This year we are excited to announce that we have received a matching grant of $10,000 from Vermont Catholic Community Foundation and will be matching all gifts on July 29th, until fulfilled. Please prayerfully consider a gift in honor of the work of the diocese over the last 170 years and in honor of Archbishop Christopher Coyne.

— Vermont Catholic
07|30 – 08|04 MONDAY – FRIDAY
Totus Tuus
Totus 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. To download a registration form, visit: vermontcatholic.org/totustyus. This is the last session for 2023:
July 30–Aug. 4
Corpus Christi, St. Johnsbury
Ascension, Georgia

07|30 SUNDAY
Teachings on Spiritual Discernment
St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 1 pm
Sundays in July, Fr. Harlow and Deacon Tom Lovett will offer sessions dealing with spiritual discernment. The sessions will include teaching and time for discussion.

08|02 – 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.
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

08|05, 09|02, 10|07 SATURDAYS
First Saturday Mass and Devotions
All Saints, Richford • 7:30 - 9:30 am
Please join us every first Saturday for First Saturday confession, Mass, and devotions. Confessions from 7:30 to about 7:50. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 8 am, followed by the devotional prayers. All are welcome!

08|05, 09|02, 10|07 SATURDAYS
First Saturday Devotions
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 8 am
Mass at 8 am, Holy Rosary and Confessions at 8:30 am. The Blessed Virgin Mary asked the three children at Fatima in 1917, that these devotions be followed to bring peace to the world.

08|05, 09|02, 10|07 SATURDAYS
First Saturday Devotions
Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am
Confessions and Rosary at 8 am, Mass at 8:30.

08|06, 09|03, 11|01 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.

08|13, 09|10, 11|08 SUNDAYS
Monthly COSP Knights of Columbus Fund Raising Breakfast
Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm
Supporting Parish and Community outreach programs.

08|19, 09|16, 10|21 SATURDAYS
The Chosen — Movie Night and Potluck
St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 - 6:45 pm
Come join us for a movie night and potluck dinner every third Saturday of the month. We will watch an episode of The Chosen together and have food and fellowship!

For the full listing of events, please visit the diocesan Events Calendar at vermontcatholic.org/events.

DIocese of Burlington CAREERS
Diocesan Central Office
• Marriage and Family Life Coordinator
• Senior Accountant

Christ the King School, Rutland
• Kindergarten Teacher
• Early Education Teacher

Rice Memorial High School, South Burlington
• Full-Time Bookkeeper
• School Nurse
• School Librarian and Technology Coordinator
• Part-time Digital Photographer Teacher

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