September 2–8, 2023
FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There are 194 Archdioceses/Dioceses in the United States. More than eight years ago, out of those 194 Dioceses, I was privileged to be sent here to Vermont to be your bishop. It has been a great honor to serve as your bishop, and I will remember your kindness, support, and prayers for me personally. But most of all, it is your great faith in the person of Jesus Christ and His Church that I will treasure.

I will be moving into my new assignment in the Archdiocese of Hartford at the end of September. I will miss the many people and good friends I have made here, but I will not be separated from you. We may be physically distant, but the unity that you and I share as members of the Church still remains. Recall that in baptism we become united with one another as brothers and sisters in the one faith. Whenever we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, we do not do so in isolation, but in the unity of the Church celebrating. I will remember you at Mass. But I also will, in the unity of the Church celebrating, be present with you as you are with me and all who share our faith in the unity of the Paschal Mystery.

I had hoped to celebrate a few more Masses with you in person throughout Vermont before I left. However, significant surgery on my right ankle has made that difficult. As such, I invite you to join with me in a Mass of Farewell at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 29 Allen Street, Burlington on Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. A reception will follow from noon to 3 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 870 Williston Road, South Burlington. Registration required. Please see registration instructions at the top of the page.

The Eucharist was first celebrated in what is now Vermont in 1669. The Catholic Church has flourished and persevered here because of the strong faith of people like you. That eucharistic faith has been and continues to be lived out in mission as we care for so many people who have needed a helping hand — “I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me” (Mt 25:35-36). I know it will continue here in Vermont.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope” (Ro 15:13).

God bless,

Archbishop Christopher Coyne
Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible
Our Lady of Angels, Randolph
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm • Fridays at 9:45 am
This eight-session study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of The Bible Timeline Chart.

Fall Concert and Reflection by Paul Koleske
St. Lawrence, Essex Jct. • 7 - 8:30 pm
Contemporary Christian singer, songwriter and recording artist, Paul Koleske, will be offering his concert of personally composed sacred music. He will integrate faith witness and testimony with his music to show how it applies to you and your life. His recorded music will be available for purchase. The concert will be on a free will offering basis.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
All Saints Cemetery, Richford • 9 - 10 am
The prayer service includes hymns and recitation of the Holy Rosary in remembrance of all aborted children. Event lasts about an hour. All are welcome. Please bring a chair if desired.

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children
St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 10 - 11 am
We will be meeting at the Memorial for the Unborn next to the Rectory. Please bring a chair. If it rains, service will be held in the church.

St. Peter’s Cemetery Committee — Bingo
St. Peter, Vergennes • 5:00 pm
Doors open at 5 pm, Bingo starts at 6 pm. Family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. Proceeds to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast Buffet
St. Peter, Vergennes • 8 - 10 am
$10 adults, $6 children 8 to 12yrs., $32 immediate family maximum.

Monthly CSP Knights of Columbus Fund Raising Breakfast
Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 9 am - 12 pm
Supporting Parish and Community outreach programs.

Knights of Columbus DeGosbriand Council # 279 Community Breakfast
Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9 - 11:30 am
Proceeds go to seminarians and those in religious formation for books, car insurance, maintenance, travel during vacations, clerical clothing, emergency expenditures, and other living expenses. Sign up at: forms.office.com/r/4ZA0XNERmS

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Join us for a Taize prayer service to pray for the work and success of their parish ministries, programs, committees, and catechists, as well as the students, faculty, staff and helpers of The School of Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales in Bennington.

Light of the World Retreat
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Junction
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