



Schedule & Instructions

Week of May 20 – mailing to all previous appeal donors (this mailing to everyone is earlier than prior years so you may have less people give during in-pew if they responded to the mailing). Please hang Bishop Appeal posters on doors or entry way prior to the In-Pew.

In-Pew: June 1-2 or 8-9

- Distribute envelopes to parishioners (has pledge card and flyer inside) as they enter or place them at the ends of the pew along with the Ways to Give flyer with QR code and [pens](#). The flyer can remain in the pew all summer.
- The pastor plays the video or the recording prior to Mass or during per the preference of the pastor found here: vermontcatholic.org/parishresources
- The letter from Bishop-elect McDermott can be read after the homily prior to offertory instead or in addition to the video is enclosed in this packet.
- Before the offertory, the pastor can read the letter or say a few words about why it is important to give (please see enclosed).
- **Please provide time** for parishioners to complete the pledge card, place it in the envelope so it can be collected during offertory.
- Please ask the parishioner to write 0 on the pledge card along with their name and parish if they cannot give so we do not mail to them. Those that gave already may do so as well so we can confirm we received their gift.
- Mail all envelopes received during in-pew to the Chancery Office in the envelope provided in your packet as soon as possible so we do not send another mailing to those that gave.

Other Promotions

- If you have an eCatholic website, you can find all the promotional materials for the appeal in the diocesan portal to add to your website. Our staff can help you. If not, you will find everything here: vermontcatholic.org/parishresources

- If your parish does weekly eblast to parishioners, please announce the appeal and provide a link to our website: bishopsappealvt.org

Additional Mailings

Week of September 9: Second Mailing

Week of November 4: Final Mailing

July 29: Online DeGoesbriand Day of Giving (more to come from our office)

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Resources

All the appeal materials, updates and progress reports can be found here:
vermontcatholic.org/parishresources

Bishop's Appeal website: bishopsappealvt.org

Pulpit and Bulletins Announcements

Please read the announcements from the pulpit and print them in your bulletin along with parish percent to goal once that is available. These can be tailored as necessary. Parish Appeal Goals are the same as last year and enclosed at the end. NOTE: We will be including similar messages in The Inland See (TIS) so if you print the TIS tailor or shorten these as you see fit.

May 25-26 (Reminding Parishioners about In-Pew)

In Jesus' Sermon on the Mount he call us to be peacemakers "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God" (Matthew 5:9).

When you offer a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you are fulfilling the call 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 programs, and Catholic education.

Please, prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2024 appeal by responding to the mailing that you received, or by offering a sacrificial gift next week at your church.

June 1-2 In-Pew

At the beginning of Mass please play the video, play the recording (online: vermontcatholic.org/parishresources), or read the in-pew letter from Bishop-elect McDermott (below). Ask parishioners to complete the pledge cards at the end of the pew, put them in the envelopes and place in the basket during offertory. Instruct parishioners to write 0 on the pledge card if they gave already or

cannot make a gift this year so they will not be solicited again. After the Homily, please encourage people to complete the pledge card and give time for them to complete them before the offertory collection. Return pledge cards to the Chancery Office in the return envelopes provided within one week of the in-pew.

In-pew letter

This can be used instead of the video if you do not have the capacity to play it or read before the offertory.

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Monday, May 6th, His Holiness Pope Francis appointed me to become the 11th Bishop of Burlington. This June I will celebrate my 35th anniversary of priestly ordination and I cannot imagine a better vocation or happier life. I have served the people of Vermont in many capacities and roles, including most recently as the Diocesan Administrator and the Director of the Catholic Center at the University of Vermont. I now look forward to serving as your shepherd.

Because of your support, last summer 500 young people participated in the Totus Tuus summer camp. Our Catholic schools throughout the state are thriving with 2,000 students this year. The Office of Pastoral Ministries continues to offer many successful and fruitful retreats. Seventeen individuals entered the two-year Lay Formation Leadership Program this past fall, and 13 men and women recently completed the first of three years in a first-ever spiritual director training program.

Through your generosity Vermont Catholic Charities Emergency Aid assisted 1,268 households including 1,919 adults and 1,342 children in 2023. The diocese supports six seminarians in formation, and we are excited to announce that seminarian Luan Tran is being ordained to the transitional diaconate this June. These vibrant programs and significant accomplishments are only made possible by your generosity to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

The theme for the 2024 appeal is "Year of Peace." While conflict may surround us in our personal lives, our community, and abroad, we recall Jesus' instruction from the Sermon on the Mount to be peacemakers — to bring our worries, frustrations, and conflicts to God through prayer, adoration, and confession, then through His grace become instruments of peace in the lives of our families and communities.

I prayerfully ask on behalf of all those we serve that you please consider an increase from your last gift. Of course, all gifts are appreciated. Please take a moment to read the included insert which illustrates the attributes of the saints who encourage our ministries.

Your sacrificial gift truly makes a difference and ensures that we will be able to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout our state for years to come. I thank you for your consideration and support.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us and for the whole world.

In Christ the Prince of Peace,

The Most Reverend John J. McDermott
Bishop-elect of Burlington, Diocesan Administrator

June 8-9 (If you are doing in-pew this weekend, please see June 3-5)

Pope Francis has said that education is a duty and a challenge, and for the Christian, “it is also a way of participating in the prophetic role that Jesus left to his Church.” Our twelve Catholic schools are thriving, and our overall enrollment is increasing. The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports our Catholic schools. To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

June 15-16

“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done.” - Proverbs 19:17 (NIV). The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports more than 2,000 individuals who are struggling financially through the Vermont Catholic Charities Emergency Aid program. Many of your neighbors are silently struggling to make ends meet and the number keeps rising. The emergency aid program is a lifeline to households who can’t make the rent, pay their utilities, or must choose between food and prescription drugs. To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

June 22-23

“The vocation is truly a treasure that God places in the hearts of some men, chosen by Him and called to follow Him in this special state of life. This treasure, that must be discovered and brought to light, is not made to ‘enrich’ someone alone. He who is called to the ministry is not the ‘master’ of his vocation, but rather the administrator of a gift that God has entrusted to him for the good of all the people, or rather for all humanity, even those who have drifted away from religious practice or do not profess faith in Christ.” – Pope Francis. The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports vocations to the priesthood and deacons. This year we have six seminarians. To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

[In the Month of July please also share your parish progress. We will send more bulletin announcements. THANK YOU!!!](#)



2024 Bishop Annual Appeal Parish Goals

<i>2023 Bishop Appeal Goals</i>	
Parishes	Goal
All Saints Parish, Richford-AF710	\$13,300
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish-AF606	\$24,151
Ascension Mission-AF714	\$16,371
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish-AF607	\$55,556
Blessed Sacrament Parish-AF418	\$34,400
Catholic Center at the University of Vermont-AF888	\$9,970
Christ Our Savior Parish-AF306	\$62,660
Christ the King / St. Anthony Parish-AF101	\$112,013
Christ the King Parish, Rutland-AF617	\$81,287
Corpus Christi Parish-AF516	\$68,944
Immaculate Conception Parish (& Holy Angels)-AF713	\$80,000
Holy Cross Parish-AF114	\$41,244
Holy Family Parish (Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary & St. Joseph)	\$42,200
Holy Family / St. Lawrence Parish-AF111	\$67,278
Holy Name of Mary Mission-AF208	\$5,567
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Williston-AF124	\$39,301
Mary Queen of All Saints Parish-AF408	\$17,206
Mater Dei Parish-AF512	\$64,298
Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Morrisville-AF414	\$24,326
Most Holy Trinity Parish-AF500	\$21,603
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary/St. Louis Parish-AF718	\$36,041
Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Wilmington-AF212	\$16,225
Our Lady of Good Help Parish-AF600	\$12,330
Our Lady of Grace Parish-AF109	\$31,530
Our Lady of Light Mission-AF405	\$2,036
Our Lady of Mercy Parish-AF209	\$15,000

Our Lady of Mount Carmel <i>Parish-AF108</i>	\$21,942
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish-AF403	\$15,112
Our Lady of Seven Dolors Parish-AF604	\$16,765
Our Lady of Snows/St. Patrick <i>Mission-AF419</i>	\$15,437
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish-AF116	\$21,328
Our Lady of the Lake Parish, South <i>Hero-AF901</i>	\$18,421
Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Woodstock-AF214	\$19,870
Our Lady of the Valley Parish (& <i>Our Lady of the Angels</i>)- <i>AF202</i>	\$25,500
Parish Unaffiliated-AF900	\$190,000
Sacred Heart / <i>St. Francis de Sales Parish-AF310</i>	\$56,012
St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish-AF613	\$10,073
St. Ambrose Parish- AF105	\$18,604
St. Andre Bessette Parish-AF902	\$15,010
St. Andrew Parish-AF423	\$19,867
St. Ann Parish-AF115	\$41,252
St. Anthony and <i>St. George Mission-AF725</i>	\$3,502
St. Anthony Parish, Sheldon Springs-AF716	\$6,221
St. Anthony Parish, White River <i>Junction-AF211</i>	\$35,032
St. Augustine Parish-AF413	\$42,739
St. Bernadette / <i>St. Genevieve Mission-AF601</i>	\$8,227
St. Bridget Parish-AF623	\$14,369
St. Catherine of <i>Siena Parish-AF117</i>	\$81,203
St. Charles Parish-AF201	\$20,200
St. Dominic Parish-AF616	\$8,348
St. Eugene Mission-AF406	\$4,263
St. Frances Cabrini <i>Mission-AF610</i>	\$4,465
St. Francis of Assisi <i>Mission-AF404</i>	\$6,077
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, <i>Windsor-AF213</i>	\$15,969
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Winooski-AF125	\$76,167
St. Isidore Mission-AF709	\$4,423
St. Joachim Parish - <i>AF 308</i>	\$6,057

St. John Bosco Mission-AF309	\$2,856
St. John the Baptist <i>Parish- Enosborough AF703</i>	\$18,974
St. John the Baptist Parish, Castleton-AF603	\$12,493
St. John the Baptist Parish, North <i>Bennington-AF307</i>	\$29,448
St. John the Evangelist Parish-AF415	\$23,392
St. John Vianney Parish-AF118	\$100,237
St. Joseph Cathedral Parish-AF103	\$42,750
St. Jude the Apostle <i>Parish-AF113</i>	\$23,502
St. Luke Parish-AF704	\$18,973
St. Mark Parish- <i>AF104</i>	\$52,884
St. Mary Mission-AF717	\$2,789
St. Mary of <i>the Assumption Parish-AF106</i>	\$7,652
St. Michael Parish-AF206	\$41,754
St. Michaels College-AF866	\$15,128
St. Monica Parish-AF400	\$80,372
St. Patrick Parish, <i>Fairfield-AF705</i>	\$12,520
St. Patrick Parish, Wallingford-AF621	\$9,268
St. Paul Parish, Orwell-AF611	\$6,627
St. Peter Parish, Rutland-AF620	\$28,585
St. Peter Parish, Vergennes-AF123	\$26,613
St. Pius X Parish-AF110	\$64,345
St. Raphael Parish, Poultney-AF615	\$14,142
St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish-AF625	\$10,303
St. Thomas Parish-AF122	\$20,455
TOTAL	\$2,503,354