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FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

FROM THE
Superintendent

JUNE 2024

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Unique experiences and opportunities in Vermont Catholic schools

Learning is a lifelong journey that begins at birth, encompassing language, numeracy, and behavioral development even before formal schooling. While parents are pivotal in this process, children also learn from various sources like extended family, caregivers, neighbors, and peers.

Formal education typically begins around age four to five, marking the beginning of a structured phase. A key determinant of student success is fostering positive relationships between educators and students, creating an environment of support and encouragement for effective learning.

In Vermont, the 12 Catholic schools prioritize these crucial aspects. Small class sizes enable personalized instruction, allowing teachers to deeply engage with each student. Our Catholic mission is rooted in faith, imparting values that guide ethical decision-making and nurture responsible citizenship.

Our administrators, teachers, staff, and families collectively contribute to student education. Some examples of the types of activities that contribute are: attending Mass, volunteering, and community service. These enrich students' experiences, reinforcing our shared values. Regular Mass

celebrations and communal gatherings unite students in their Catholic identity, fostering a sense of belonging and purpose.

Students are provided many unique experiences and opportunities in our Catholic schools. These experiences happen between and with countless community partners. These experiences are what make our schools so distinctive and special. To name just a few examples of these experiences:

- **Attending Mass** regularly during the school day as well as on Sundays; this supports student and community positive relationships.
- **Faith Formation Day:** A day in October when students from all 12 of our Catholic schools come together for Mass with community members to celebrate the journey of living a faith-filled life. This day reinforces and celebrates our students' individual and collective paths.
- **Grandparents' Day:** A day when grandparents are invited into our schools to spend some time with their grandchildren. This day allows grandparents to witness some of the experiences that are happening in schools that are connected to our religious mission and academic focus as well as other school-related activities

like music, drama, and many club-type offerings. This day helps deepen relationships between the grandparent and grandchild, instilling a deeper connection and feeling of pride in the grandchild.

- Through our **partnership with St. Michael's College** in Colchester, some students from outside Vermont are housed there.
- **Field trips** connect our students to some unique properties such as St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte, which has an outside chapel and beautiful event and learning spaces. Students from three of our schools witnessed the full solar eclipse from the shrine and made lasting memories.
- **Plays**
- **Musicals**
- **Sporting Events**

We believe these types of special experiences coupled with our traditional teaching of fundamentals and religious beliefs and practices prepare our students for continued success.



Sincerely,

David Young,
Superintendent of
Catholic Schools
for the Diocese of
Burlington

Upcoming Events



06|13 THURSDAY
**Our Lady's Kitchen:
A Meal with a Movie**
Our Lady of Angels, Randolph
6 - 8 pm

A free, hot meal for anyone in the community – followed by movie night. Dinner (pot luck!) at 6, movie at 6:30. This month we will be watching *The Chosen*, season 2, episodes 3 and 4.



06|14, 07|12 FRIDAYS
Essex Community Dinner
Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct.
5:30 pm

These meals are free to all but donations to cover parish expenses are appreciated. Take out dinners are also available.



06|15 SATURDAY
Men's "Cor" Formation
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington
10 - 11:30 am

Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! You are invited to participate in COR Formation. Cor is Latin for Heart. Though fraternity, prayer, and the study of God's pursuit of souls, we intend to grow closer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. COR Formation will be held on the third Saturday of each month. All men are welcome. Coffee and donuts provided.



06|16 SUNDAY
Bereavement Ministry
St. John The Evangelist, St. Johnsbury
1 - 2 pm

Prayer and sharing among people who have experienced loss of a loved one. We will meet in the livingroom in the Rectory. Facilitator: Deacon Pete Gummere.



06|20, 07|18 THURSDAYS
BINGO
St. John Vianney, S. Burlington
6:30 - 9:30 pm

Doors open at 4:30 and the first game begins at 6:30. Come join the fun with friends and family. Bring a non-perishable food item(s) and receive two free game sheets for the "winner take all" game. All food items are donated to the local Food Shelf.



06|21 FRIDAY
Witness to Love Training
Blessed Sacrament, Stowe
8:30 am - 2 pm

The day will begin with welcome and refreshments at 8:30 am and should conclude at around 2 pm. Lunch will be provided. The Co-Founders of Witness to Love, Ryan and Mary-Rose Verret, will be the presenters. Contact Deacon Armand Auclair if you do not have the Witness to Love Materials. Registration: vermontcatholic.org/event/witness-to-love-training/



06|22 SATURDAY
**Annual Diocesan Respect Life
Mass**
St. Augustine, Montpelier
10:30 am

Bishop-elect John McDermott will be the celebrant. There is

free parking on streets and in the municipal parking lot behind City Hall. For additional information about the Respect Life Mass, please contact Eileen Haupt, Respect Life Coordinator for the Diocese of Burlington at (802) 658-6110 ext. 1201 or ehaupt@vermontcatholic.org.



06|22 SATURDAY
**Vermont Right to Life's
2nd Annual BIRTHday Picnic**
State House grounds, Montpelier
11:30 am - 2 pm

This event is in celebration of the 2nd anniversary of the Dobbs decision, which overturned Roe v. Wade. The event will feature games and prizes, informational tables, BIRTHday cake for all, music, short speeches and fellowship. This is a family friendly event so do plan to bring your children, students and friends. All are welcome! For more information, please visit www.vrlc.net or email vrlc@vrlc.net.



07|07 SUNDAY
Annual Diocesan Family Day Mass
St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte
12:15 - 3 pm

The annual Diocesan Family Day Mass will be celebrated July 7 at 12:15 p.m. at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle LaMotte with Burlington Bishop-elect John McDermott as celebrant. A barbecue will follow. The shrine will be providing a free-will-donation barbecue after the Family Day Mass as in the past. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnic as well as lawn chairs and lawn games. RSVP by July 3 (not required, but helpful): info@saintanneshrine.org or (802) 928-3362.



07|18, 19, 20 THURS, FRI, SAT
**Eucharistic Convocation
& Pilgrimage**

Geared toward those unable to make the journey to Indianapolis, the Vermont Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Convocation will allow participants to connect "remotely" to portions of the National Congress while also enjoying local fellowship and hearing presentations from our own diocesan community. Schedule and location:

July 18: Our Lady of Fatima, Wilmington (5 to 8 pm)

July 19: Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph (5 to 8 pm)

July 20: St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte (4 to 8 pm)

Come for one or two nights or make it a local pilgrimage through the Green Mountain State and make it all three nights. Opportunities for catechetical workshops, witness talks, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, music, fellowship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Eucharistic Procession — all culminating in a festive diocesan Mass on the Shrine grounds the final night.

FOR MORE INFO: visit the Convocation & Pilgrimage site: vermontcatholic.org/convocation



07|26, 27, 28 FRI, SAT, SUN
**Stuebenville East
Youth Conference 2024**
Springfield, MA

To register a student or chaperone for the conference, please visit: paperwork.lifeteen.com/c/9JJD. Once the individual is registered, please submit payment via the form at: vermontcatholic.org/event/stuebenville-east-youth-conference-2024/



08|20 TUESDAY
**One-day Pilgrimage
to the St. Kateri Shrine**

Join us for a one-day pilgrimage to the St. Kateri Shrine in Kahnawake, Quebec, outside of Montreal. Pickups and dropoffs in Middlebury and South Burlington. For details and the Registration Form, contact Fr. Schneider at bschneider@vermontcatholic.org or (802) 388-2943.



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