

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

July 20–26, 2024

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

*A Message from*

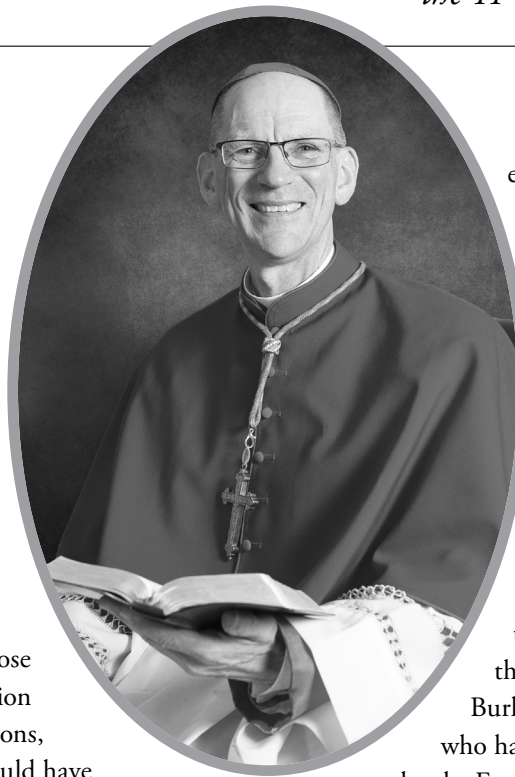
## Bishop John J. McDermott

*the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Burlington*

*My dear family in Christ,*

I have written for The Inland See as the Vicar General of the Diocese, as the Administrator of the Diocese and as the Bishop-elect of the Diocese, but this is my first column written as the Bishop of Burlington. This past Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, was a day of great joy and grace for me and, I pray, for the entire Diocese of Burlington. The Mass of Ordination and Installation was an incredible celebration of faith and a promise of wonderful things to come for the Catholics in Vermont. I wish to express my deep appreciation for all of those who in any way were part of the preparation and coordination for the liturgies, receptions, and every aspect of the Ordination. It would have been impossible to have been put together had it not been for the involvement of so many, thank you.

People have been asking me over the last two months if I was nervous about being ordained and installed as the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Burlington. Honestly, I have not felt nervous about assuming the office of the Bishop. This is the result of experiencing the prayerful support of so many wonderful people in Vermont and from around the world. Knowing that if we pray in faith our prayers will be answered, I have been confident that the graces I need to fulfill the responsibilities of the episcopacy will be granted in abundance. I'm not foolish



enough to think that there will not be difficult times and difficult decisions to make, but it means that I am convinced that God is faithful to His promises to remain with His church and will supply for our needs. To quote our first bishop's episcopal motto, "Deus providebit!" God will provide!

So now that the ordination and installation celebrations are behind us, it is time to look forward and work together to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the people of Vermont. This is not just the responsibility of the 11th Bishop of Burlington, but the responsibility of everyone who has been baptized, confirmed, and nourished by the Eucharist. We remind ourselves that "God alone suffices" and is the answer to the deepest longings of everyone's heart, and we will strive to help people fulfill that longing by bringing them Christ, His Church and His love.

Let us pray for one another as we follow the voice of the True Shepherd, Jesus Christ.

Peace to all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. McDermott".

The Most Reverend John J. McDermott  
Bishop of Burlington



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## Upcoming Events



07|21, 08|18 SUNDAYS  
**Bereavement Ministry**

*St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 1 pm*

An opportunity to pray with and to share with others who have experienced the loss of a loved one. We meet the third Sunday of each month in the rectory. We invite our own parishioners and those from other parishes to join us. All discussions are confidential. For additional information, please call Deacon Pete Gummere (802) 274-0942.



07|21, 08|18, 09|15 SUNDAYS  
**Eileen George Book Study**

*Most Holy Name of Jesus, Morrisville • 2 pm*

Meets the third Sunday of the month in the Crosby Center. Fr. Lance Harlow will continue the book study of Eileen Georges' first book, *Beacon of God's Love*. All are invited.



07|24, 08|08, 14, 21, 28  
**St. Anne's Shrine Summer Reflection Series 2024**

*St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 11:15 am*

The programs begin with 11:15 a.m. Mass followed by a presentation. Lunch is available for purchase in the café beginning with the July 10 reflection. As always, you may bring your own picnic lunch to eat outside. All are welcome!

Wednesday, July 24 • Fr. Michal Carter, SSE  
*James the Apostle: Part of the Inner Circle Trio*

Wednesday, July 31 • Fr. Richard Myhalyk, SSE  
*Spirituality of the 12 Steps: Biblical Principles that Support Them & Prayer Aspects that Nourish Them*

Thursday, August 8 • Fr. David Theroux, SSE  
*The Transfiguration*

Wednesday, August 14 • Fr. David Theroux, SSE  
*Maximilian Kolbe: A Life Lived for Others*

Wednesday, August 21 • Fr. Richard Berube, SSE  
*Who did you say? Lesser-known followers of Jesus in the Gospels*

Wednesday, August 28 • John Kenney, Emeritus Professor, Religious Studies, Saint Michael's College  
*Who was Saint Augustine and What did he confess?*



07|25 THURSDAY  
**Our Lady's Kitchen: A Meal with a Movie**

*Our Lady of Angels, Randolph • 6 - 8 pm*

Dinner is a potluck – followed by popcorn and *The Chosen*, Season 2, episodes 5 and 6.



08|04, 09|01 SUNDAYS  
**Eucharistic Healing Service**

*St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 3 pm*

Join us for Adoration along with praying over by Fr. Lance Harlow.



08|09, 09|13 FRIDAYS  
**Essex Community Dinners**

*Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 5:30 pm*

Meals are free, but donations appreciated.



08|15, 09|19 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.



08|17, 09|21 SATURDAYS  
**Men's "COR" Formation**

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 am*

Calling all men to fellowship, prayer and a deeper faith! All men welcome. Coffee and donuts provided. COR Formation will be held on third Saturday of the month.



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

*via coach bus*

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.



### Seeking Host Families for Rice Memorial High School International Students

Rice is actively seeking 5 host families for International Students starting in the Fall. We have students coming from: Spain, Germany, China, Finland, and Korea. These students are anxious to experience high school in the US, share our culture, and are a crucial part of our school community bringing diversity, unique perspectives, and spirit! Host families receive a stipend of \$1000/month and provide: a bedroom, 3 nutritious meals/day, study area, internet access, and transportation or carpool to/from school. Rice is also seeking families willing to serve as a "welcome family" to host a student for a weekend.

Learn more at: <https://rmhsvt.org/host-family>



### Pilgrimage to Rome April 25 – May 5, 2025

Consider joining Fr. Matthew Rensch on a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Orvieto, Cascia, and Norcia, among other sites. The pilgrimage will visit the Eucharistic Miracles and three incorrupt saints. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group. Private bus transportation, four-star hotels, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast are all included in the price.

Details here:

[www.prorometours.com/fr-matthew-rensch/](http://www.prorometours.com/fr-matthew-rensch/)



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