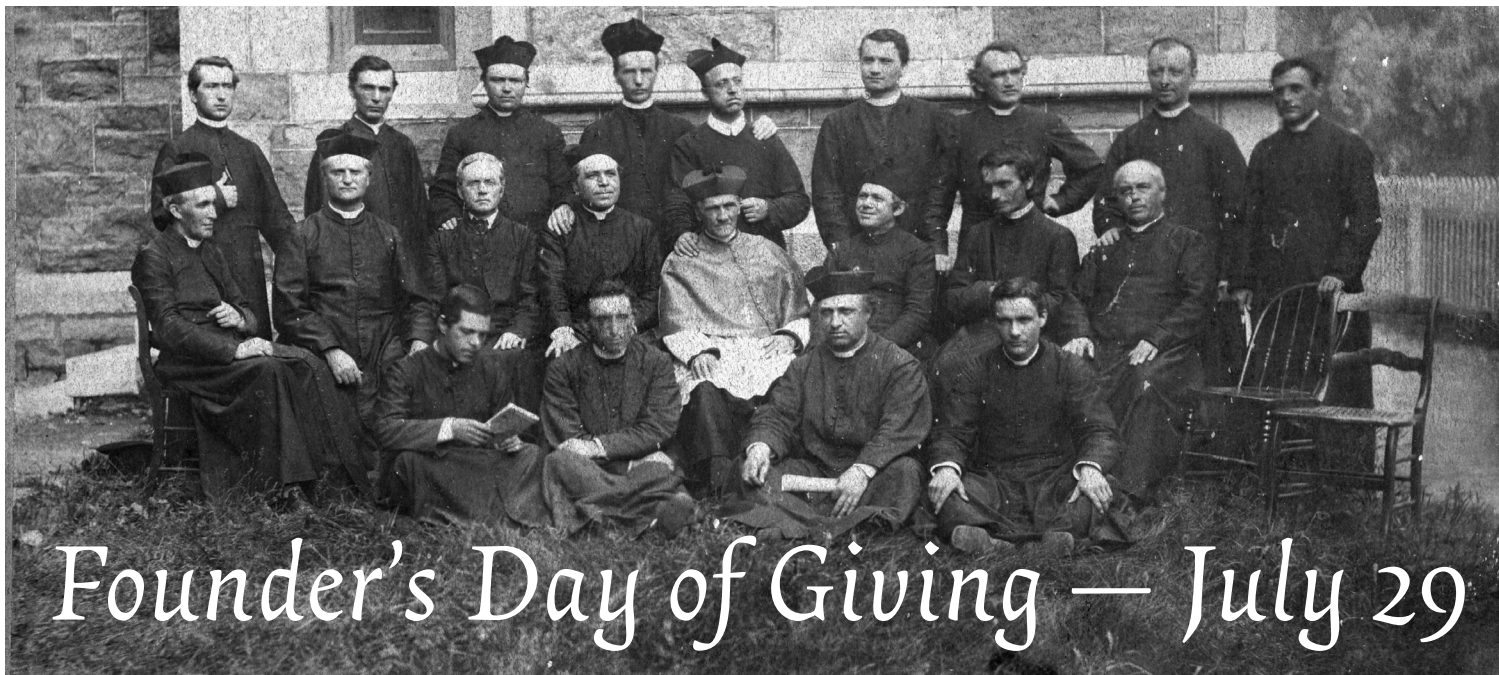


NEWS FROM The Inland See

July 27 – August 2, 2024

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



On July 29, 1853, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington was founded and as a result on July 29th each year we celebrate the Founder's Day of Giving to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal. This year the anniversary is especially significant as on July 15 we celebrated Ordination and Installation of the 11th Bishop of Burlington, the Most Reverend John J. McDermott. As we enter this new episcopacy, we must remember and pray for of all the bishops, clergy, and lay leaders who served in our diocese over the last 171 years.

When our first bishop, Louis deGoësbriand, arrived in Vermont in 1853, our state was missionary territory with just ten churches, five priests, and approximately 20,000 Catholics. Bishop deGoësbriand tirelessly built up the Church in Vermont, spending his entire inheritance of \$250,000 traveling the state spreading the Good News, erecting churches, schools (six of which are still in existence), and homes for the most vulnerable. Because of his faith and dedication, by 1891 the number of Catholics more than doubled to 48,000 and 78 churches were operating.

In the following years, the number of churches grew; hospitals, schools, and colleges were opened; a Catholic newspaper was established, and the Bishop's Fund was created to support these ministries.

We have not been without challenges over these last 171 years, and we once again find the Church in mission territory with 68 parishes and 38 active priests. While we still have much work to do, we also have much to celebrate: many young people are participating in the Totus Tuus summer camp, and 2,000 students will return to our 12 Catholic schools this fall. Additionally, the Office of Pastoral Ministries continues to offer several successful and fruitful retreats, five seminarians are currently in formation, and in 2023 Vermont Catholic Charities Emergency Aid program assisted over 1,200 households. It is because of your generous support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal that these, and many more vital ministries, are thriving in our communities.

We are excited to announce that for this year's Founder's Day of Giving, the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation has graciously provided a matching grant of \$5,000. On Monday, July 29, all online gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal will be matched until the grant amount has been reached. Please prayerfully consider a gift in honor of the work of the diocese over the last 171 years and in honor of our 11th shepherd, Bishop John McDermott.

— *Vermont Catholic*

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Upcoming Events



07|31, 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 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?



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|18 SUNDAY 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.



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.



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.



09|07, 10|05 FRIDAYS Free Community Dinner

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 - 6:30 pm

Please join us for a Free Meal. Open to anyone who would like a Hot Meal.



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 28 – May 8, 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. First payment due in October.

Details here:

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