

The Inland See



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Attention All College-Aged Catholics: *Totus Tuus Needs You!*

**Are you looking for a summer adventure?
Become a Diocese of Burlington Totus Tuus Missionary!**

Totus Tuus is more than just a summer catechetical program. It's a dynamic, joy-filled experience that will ignite your faith and help you grow as a disciple and leader! As a missionary, you'll be inspiring kids with your Catholic faith and diving deep into the Sacraments, Adoration, and devotion to the Blessed Mother. You'll be leading classrooms as well as playing fun games, and engaging in activities that create lasting memories.

But that's not all! You'll also build meaningful friendships with your teammates and live your faith in ways you've never experienced before!

What's the mission?

You'll be part of a team of four, traveling to parishes across the Diocese of Burlington (covering the entire scenic state of

Vermont!) Each week, you'll visit a new parish, hosting a five-day parish mission. You'll teach theology to kids in grades 1-6 during the day and inspire teens in grades 7-12 in the evenings. You'll be equipped with all the training you need to teach and lead, making this the perfect chance to grow in your leadership skills while sharing your love for Christ.

But don't just take our word for it! Here is what some of our veteran missionaries have to say:

"I'm forever grateful for the happy camaraderie of my Totus Tuus team... We also learned the joy that comes from standing shoulder to shoulder, together laboring after the shared goal of spreading the Gospel." — Father Kevin Chalifoux

"I spent two summers as a Totus Tuus Missionary, and it turned out to be one of the most transformative experiences of my life. Vermont, with its breathtaking landscapes and New England charm, was the perfect backdrop for this journey." — Alayna Fox

"Unpredictable in the best kind of way: that is how I would describe my experience with Totus Tuus!... Somehow, you maneuver each mission location with tact, grace, and creativity and change hearts and minds for eternity, most especially your own. The secret ingredient: our wonderful and Blessed Mother, for who we are Totus Tuus." — Faith Barton

"Totus Tuus rocked my world. I learned to love the Lord and let the Lord love me. I saw His face in little children, in the Sacraments, and in the beauty of Vermont." — Rachel Lavallee

What's in it for you?

- Paid (\$3,450.00 stipend), temporary position with all in-state housing and meals provided during your time of employment.
- A deep dive into living the faith authentically
- Opportunities to build lifelong friendships
- A summer full of adventure, growth, and impact
- More information about the position
- The program will run from June 11-August 8, 2026 with a week off from June 27-July 4.
- All in-state transportation will be provided and/or mileage reimbursed
- Must be a high school senior or a high school graduate to apply, but no other experience is required: all training will be provided

How can you apply?

To apply, visit: totustuus.church/be-missionary

When applying, make sure to check the box for VT: Diocese of Burlington

For more information, please contact Daniel Lacourrage, the Diocesan Catechetical Leader for the Diocese of Burlington, at: dlacourrage@vermontcatholic.org or (802)448-3514.



02|22 - 04|02 SUN, TUES, THURS
Rosary for Vocations and the Diocese of Burlington

via Zoom

Join us for a live Rosary at 7 p.m. on Sundays, and noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays during Lent. These Rosaries will be offered for two special intentions close to all our hearts: an increase in holy vocations and prayers for healing, wisdom, and trust in the Lord amid the bankruptcy facing the Diocese of Burlington. Priests, deacons, and others will be leading the Rosaries. The Rosary link is: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87111038763>



02|23, 24, 25 MON, TUES, WED
Lenten Retreat with Msgr. Lavalley

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8:30 am

Start this important season by attending the 8:30 am Mass on these three days. Monsignor will be here to give the homilies and for personal counseling and Confession after Mass.



02|24, 03|03, 10, 17, 24 TUESDAYS
Online Lenten Book Study: The Practice of the Presence of God

via Zoom • 7 - 8 pm

Online Lenten Book Study: The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence with Dcn. Phil Lawson and Fr. Luke Austin leading. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/drwhk42> or email Dcn. Phil @ plawson@vermontcatholic.org. Free Link to The Practice of the Presence of God online: <https://ccl.org/ccl/1/lawrence/practice/cache/practice.pdf>



02|26, 03|05, 12, 19, 26 THURSDAYS
How to Lent with the Vermont Catholic Women's Group

Online • 7:30 pm

How to Lent is a new series from the Augustine Institute that aims to equip Catholics with the tools to understand and practice the pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Join the Vermont Catholic Women's Group online as we delve into this series. Contact Carolina Chenette at (802) 393-3365 text/call.



02|27 FRIDAY
Lenten Fish Fry

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Swanton • 4 - 6:30 pm

Serving haddock (GFA) w/fries and/or mac & cheese, coleslaw, roll & tartar sauce. Bake sale by the Ladies of St Anne. Adults \$18, children 6-12 \$10. Take out or dine in, reservations welcome, call/text (802) 363-1452.



02|27, 03|06, 13, 20, 27 FRIDAYS
Stations of the Cross

St. Paul, Orwell • 6 - 7 pm

Join us as we pray the Stations of the Cross, every Friday during Lent.



02|28, 03|07, 14, 21, 28 SATURDAYS
SoulCore

St. Andrew, Waterbury • 9-10 am

Activate your Mind, Body & Soul: Stretch, Strengthen & Pray. SoulCore is an integrated faith & fitness

class to the prayers of the rosary with a self-paced workout. Everyone is welcome, no experience needed. Please bring a mat and water bottle. The cost is by freewill donation, suggested \$10 (after expenses, proceeds go to local charity)



03|01 SUNDAY
Music Fest Singing Workshop and Rehearsal

St. Andrew, Waterbury • 1:30 - 5 pm

The Sacred Music Festival is offering a singing workshop on for those who would like to learn how to sing or improve their singing. The workshop for beginners will focus on the basics of reading music (clef, rhythm, names of intervals and notes, and score references), matching pitch, and accurate vowel sounds. Everyone is welcome. This will be held in conjunction with a rehearsal for the upcoming Music Fest. The rehearsal time will be 2:30-4 pm with potluck dinner following. Those who come to the Singing Workshop are welcome to stay for the rehearsal. We are asking that you please RSVP for either the workshop or the rehearsal to Sharon Trani, sltrani@verizon.net.



03|03 TUESDAY
Newman Series on the Parochial and Plain Sermons

via Zoom • 7 pm

Fr. Kevin Chalifoux will discuss St. John Henry Newman's sermon, "The Duty of Self Denial." The sermon can be found at: newmanreader.org/works/parochial/volume7/sermon7.html. The Zoom link for this event can be found at: vermontcatholic.org/series/newman-series-on-the-parochial-and-plain-sermons.



03|07 SATURDAY
Free Community Dinner

St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 5 pm
Come enjoy a hot meal and fellowship!



03|04, 11, 18, 25 WEDNESDAYS
Series on St. John of the Cross

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 9 - 11 am

St. John of the Cross, whom we are celebrating in 2026, is still alive and has a word he continues to speak to today's world, "The message he has left us is one of seeking the divine, calling us to immerse ourselves in God in a lived experience of theological life. A message to forge and form believers in mature faith, in a greater intimacy with God." — Friar Francisco Sánchez Oreja. c.d.o.



03|07 SATURDAY
St. Peter's Cemetery Association Bingo

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 8 pm

Doors open at 5 pm, Bingo starts at 6 pm. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold. This event is sponsored by St. Peter's Cemetery Committee to benefit the on-going efforts for cemetery improvements.



03|08 SUNDAY
Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 9 - 11:30 am

The Knights of Columbus invite parishioners, families, and

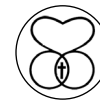
neighbors to gather for a delicious morning of pancakes, community spirit, and outreach. Adults \$10, children 6-12 \$6, family of four \$25. Take-out available.



3|13 FRIDAY
Essex Community Dinner

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

Provided in order to grow and promote our community! They are also intended to feed the lonely and needy among us. These meals are free to all but donations are appreciated. Take-out dinners are also available, at 6 pm.



03|13, 14, 15 FRI, SAT, SUN
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience

While faith is a powerful part of this process, the focus of the Marriage Encounter experience is on married life. For more information, email: wwmevt.camp@gmail.com.



03|15 SUNDAY
Healing Prayer Service

St. Anthony, Burlington • 2:30 - 4 pm

Rosary 2:30 pm dedicated for Vocations in the Diocese of Burlington and for Pope Leo. Healing Prayers and blessing with St Raphael oil from 3-4 pm. There will be adoration, confessions, and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



03|15 SUNDAY
St. Patrick's Day Potluck

St. Andrew, Waterbury • 3 - 5 pm

Mark your calendars and join us for an afternoon of fun, singing and potluck dining celebrating St. Patrick's Day. There will be Irish Music with Father Matthew Rensch and Sergio Torres, Irish dancing, door prizes will be awarded and a 50/50 raffle planned. \$10 per person with family discounts.



03|21 SATURDAY
VT Men's Conference

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph, 9 am - 2:15 pm

This year's theme is Band of Brothers and Mark Kutolowski, Founder of Metanoia of Vermont, will be the keynote speaker. Prices: \$40 for adults, \$15 for college students, and under 18 is free with a paying adult. Register at: vermontcatholic.org/event/vt-mens-conference.



03|25 WEDNESDAY
Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Breakfast

Chancery Offices, S. Burlington • 8:30 am

Christine Werneke, President & CEO of Home Health & Hospice will present on the topic of long term care. Light breakfast foods and beverages will be provided.



03|31 TUESDAY
Chrism Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 11 am

At this special Mass celebrated by Bishop McDermott, the Oil of Chrism is consecrated, the Oils of Catechumens and the Sick are blessed. All are invited to join in celebrating this special Mass.