

The Inland See

News from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington



April 11–17, 2026

Vermont Catholic Charities invites you visit the **People of Hope Museum**



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The purpose of this initiative is simple and deeply aligned with our shared values across faith traditions: to live and lead with compassion, inspire service and volunteerism, and witness the hope found in caring for our neighbors.

This immersive experience features:

- ♦ First-person video stories from Catholic Charities staff and volunteers across the country
- ♦ Interactive poverty-simulation activities that highlight challenges faced by many families
- ♦ U.S. and state-level poverty data visualizations
- ♦ Audio recordings exploring themes of poverty, social isolation, and bridge-building
- ♦ A recording booth where visitors can share their own stories of hope and service

The People of Hope Museum's visit to Vermont is hosted by:



Vermont
**Catholic
Charities**

PEOPLE OF HOPE MUSEUM

**Saint Michael's College,
Colchester**

Tuesday, April 28

Wednesday, April 29

10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission is free.

Bishop John McDermott
will celebrate Mass at
Saint Michael the Archangel Chapel
on Tuesday, April 28 at 4 p.m.
All are welcome.



04|12 SUNDAY Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Anthony, Burlington • 6 - 7 pm

Catholics and individuals who have been absent from the church and want to return to receive the Graces of His Mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Jesus is there waiting for you in the confessional. God loves you. The evening will include: Adoration – Exposition and Benediction, Reconciliation (Confessions), silent prayer, Rosary lead by World Apostolate of Fatima VT, concluding with praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



04|12, 15 SUNDAYS, WEDNESDAYS Meeting Christ in Prayer

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury

Meeting Christ in Prayer is a unique 8 week guided prayer experience for small groups, modeled after the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Two options: Sundays 6-7 pm or Wednesday 10-11 am. This prayer program teaches and reinforces specific prayer practices such as Lectio Divina, imaginative prayer, meditation, the Examen and more. Participants will meet once a week as a group and pray with scripture daily at home through a guided program. Contact Deacon Pete Gummere (802) 274-0942 or Mary Anne Gummere (802) 274-2001, masgummere@gmail.com.



04|15 WEDNESDAY Rosary for Peace with Bishop McDermott

via Zoom • 8 pm

Join Bishop McDermott in praying a Rosary for Peace. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82653567464>



04|17, 18, 19 FRI, SAT, SUN Young Adult Retreat 2026

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte

The Diocese of Burlington is excited to announce that from April 17-19 we will host our fourth annual Young Adult Retreat. It is open to young adults, aged 18-39 years old. This retreat is held annually at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte — a beautiful, prayerful setting that sets the tone to engage in a weekend of spiritual growth, community building, and reflection. The cost is \$125 per person, which includes lodging for 2 nights, snacks for the weekend, and 4 meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday). Learn more or register at: vermontcatholic.org/event/young-adult-retreat-2026.



04|18, 25, 05|02, 09, 16 SATURDAYS SoulCore

St. Andrew, Waterbury • 9-10 am

Activate your Mind, Body & Soul. Stretch, Strengthen & Pray. SoulCore is a self-paced prayer workout, which helps us to enter more deeply into the mysteries of the Rosary with our whole selves. No experience needed. No cost, freewill suggested donations of \$15. (after expenses, proceeds go to charity) www.soulcore.com



04|18 SATURDAY St. Peter's Church Preservation Committee BINGO

St. Peter, Vergennes • 5 - 8 pm

Doors open at 5 pm and games start at 6 pm. This is a family friendly event. All cash prizes, 50/50 raffle. Refreshments sold.



04|22, 29, 05|06, 13 WEDNESDAYS Life Shared

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:15 - 8:30 pm

Four small group sessions to encourage and equip us to share our Catholic faith. Each session explores what it means to live out God's call to share our lives and our Christ-centered faith with friends, colleagues and neighbors. We'll begin with dinner at 6:15 pm; then view a short video on trusting God, living faith with intentionality, and positive steps to take towards invitation; followed by discussion. For more information or to register for this program, please see our website at stjohnvianneyvt.org/life-shared



04|25 SATURDAY Women's Spring Retreat at St. John Vianney Parish

St. John Vianney, S. Burlington

Our Spring Retreat this year will be led by Sr. Paul Mary Dreger, FSE, on "Prayer and the Feminine Genius" here at the Parish Center. It will be a time to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, a time for fellowship with our sisters, and an opportunity to hear about special gifts God gives to women. Space is limited, and we are asking a donation of \$30 from each. We will begin in the morning and conclude with 4:30 Mass. There will be some light snacks in the morning, and a catered lunch. For more info, please check our website at stjohnvianneyvt.org/womens-retreat



04|26 SUNDAY 183rd Birthday Celebration for Servant of God Joseph Dutton

Blessed Sacrament, Stowe • 10:30 am

Join us for 10:30 am Sunday Mass with Bishop followed by a brunch at the parish hall.



04|28, 29 TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY People of Hope Museum

St. Michael's College, Colchester • 10 am - 6 pm

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04|29 WEDNESDAY Vermont Catholic Professionals Networking Event

Chancery Office, S. Burlington • 5:30 pm - 7 pm

Our speaker will be: Joanne Nelson, the Director of Justice, Mentoring & Reentry for Mercy Connections in Burlington. In this position she runs the Vermont Women's Mentoring Program, which provides powerful support for individuals who

are justice-involved, in transition from prison, treatment court, addiction, and/or mental health crises. The presentation will begin at 6 pm. We will have snacks and beverages. RSVP at: vermontcatholic.org/about/vermont-catholic-professionals



05|01 FRIDAY St. Thomas Calcutta 2026

Mansfield Barn, Jericho • 4:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us for a fun and entertaining evening with a chance to win prizes including a \$2,000 Cash Grand Prize. Doors open at 4:30 pm, dinner is at 6 pm, catered by Jericho Café & Tavern. Featuring: raffles, prizes, cash bar, dessert dash, silent auction and more! Tickets: \$130 (1 ball + 2 dinners), \$90 (1 ball + 1 dinner), Optional insurance \$30/ball. Buy tickets or learn more: <https://stthomasvt.com/calcutta-2026> or send an email to stthomasvtcalcutta@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!



05|02 SATURDAY 2026 VT Catholic Spring Women's Retreat

Christ Our Savior, Manchester • 8:30 am - 3 pm

The keynote speaker will be Deacon Bob Begley and the theme is "Living as Instruments of Hope & Loving Kindness." Adults \$40, college students \$15, under 18 are free with a paying adult. Limited space, registration is required. **FOR MORE INFO:** vermontcatholic.org/womens-retreat.



05|03 SUNDAYS Eucharistic Healing Service

St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury

3 - 4:30 pm

Father Lance W. Harlow will conduct a eucharistic healing service that includes Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and praying over by Father Harlow.



05|08 FRIDAY Essex Community Dinner

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Essex Community Dinners are 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 to cover parish expenses. Take-out dinners are also available, starting at 6 pm.



05|09 SATURDAY Youth Day Retreat 2026 — Bellows Falls

St. Charles, Bellows Falls • 10 am - 4 pm

This retreat is meant for students in 7th-12th grade. There will be opportunities for community building, fun, and spiritual growth. We invite you to register the young person in your life for the most convenient retreat near you. Registration is free. Access form at: vermontcatholic.org/youth-day-retreats.



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