

# The Inland See



News from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington

June 6-12, 2026



*You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.*

— *Ephesians 2:20*

At the Diocese of Burlington, we are grateful for each gift received from the Catholic community and we use these gifts to strengthen and serve our 68 parishes, 12 Catholic schools, and 100,000 Catholics in Vermont, especially those in need.

Your generosity allows us to sustain essential ministries, strengthen our parishes and schools, and bring hope and support to those who need it most.

Though in Chapter 11 reorganization, the diocese has been able to ensure that all money raised by the Bishop's Annual Appeal be used for the programs, services, and ministries for which they were designated. This will continue to be the goal and intention for all money raised.

## Appeal Goals

The goal for the 2026 Bishop's Appeal is \$2,200,000 — the same as 2025. Parish goals also remain the same for the 2026 appeal. To learn more about parish goals, visit: [vermontcatholic.org/donate/bishops-annual-appeal](http://vermontcatholic.org/donate/bishops-annual-appeal).

## Ministries Supported

Gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal are restricted and used to support the following:

**Faith Formation** — Supporting vital formation efforts including evangelization programs, religious education, youth ministry, young adult ministry, and respect life.

**Catholic Schools** — The Office of the Superintendent provides guidance and support for the 12 Catholic schools in Vermont

**Vermont Catholic Charities** — VCC offers critical social services to individuals and families through their four core programs: emergency aid, counseling, residential care homes, and prison ministry.

**Parish Support and Diocesan Operations** — Chancery and diocesan ministries and services, supporting 68 parishes with financial, facilities, human resources, safe environments, tribunal, cemeteries, and other diocesan operating costs.

**Communications** — With a focus on community outreach and engagement, the team manages the diocesan website and social media channels, publishes the *The Inland See* weekly bulletin insert and the quarterly *Vermont Catholic* magazine.

## Ways to Give

### Give Online

[vermontcatholic.org/giveonline](http://vermontcatholic.org/giveonline)



### Donate By Mail

Bishop's Annual Appeal  
Diocese of Burlington  
PO Box 2367  
South Burlington, VT 05407-2367

### Stock Gifts and Questions

802-658-6110 x 1102  
[bishopsappeal@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:bishopsappeal@vermontcatholic.org)





06|07 SUNDAY  
**Saint Francis Xavier Corpus Christi Eucharist Procession**

*Saint Francis Xavier, Winooski • 9 - 11 am*

The Corpus Christi Procession will begin at the conclusion of the 9 am Mass, making its way through Winooski, ending at the front of the church with time for silent prayer and Benediction. All are welcome to this procession. If you are unable to process, please join Monsignor Lavalley in a time of prayer at the church.



06|07, 07|05 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.



06|10, 17, 24 WEDNESDAYS  
**Rosary for Peace with Bishop McDermott**

*via Zoom • 8 pm*

Join Bishop McDermott in praying a Rosary for Peace. No registration is required. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82653567464>



06|12 FRIDAY  
**Annual Global Rosary Relay**

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

We are very excited to announce that on the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Diocese of Burlington will be participating in a worldwide Rosary Relay led by Bishop McDermott from St. Joseph's Cathedral in Burlington. The Diocese of Burlington's time to pray is 11:30 a.m., and we will be following people who prayed the Rosary in Haverstock Hill in England. When we finish praying, our prayers will be spiritually passed on to people in prayer at the EWTN chapel in Norway. If you are unable to attend in person, please plan to join us online ([vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/](http://vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass/)), pray with your parish, or in the privacy of your home.



06|12 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.



06|14 SUNDAY  
**Meet the Special Fathers Network**

*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 5 - 6:30 pm*

Join us for a presentation by members of the Special Fathers Network (SFN), a national nonprofit that supports fathers parenting children with special needs. SFN provides weekly online peer support for fathers on this unique journey. David Hirsch, founder of SFN, is visiting all 50 states in 30 days to tell people about SFN's important work. Attendees will receive a free copy of David's latest book, "Dads Raising Children with Special Needs & Disabilities: A Guide For 21st

Century Dads." Registration link here: [vermontcatholic.org/event/meet-the-special-fathers-network](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/meet-the-special-fathers-network)



06|14-19 SUNDAY - FRIDAY  
**Saint Anne's Shrine Directed/Silent Retreat**

*St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte*

The Society of Saint Edmund will be conducting a 5-day Directed Retreat in the Ignatian tradition. Using principles from the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants are invited to contemplate scripture passages in a silent environment, celebrate daily Eucharist, and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. Cost for the retreat is \$625 and includes lodging, and all meals. For more information about Saint Anne's Shrine generally, visit our website at <https://www.saintannesshrine.org/>



06|20 SATURDAY  
**Diocesan Respect Life Mass in Montpelier**

*St. Augustine, Montpelier • 10:30 am*

Bishop John McDermott will celebrate a Mass for Life. Attendees are then welcome to join Vermont Right to Life on the Capitol Lawn for a picnic celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY of the Dobbs Decision.



07|01 - 09|02 WEDNESDAYS  
**Society of Saint Edmund Summer Reflection Series 2026**

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

Each program begins with Mass at 11:15 am., followed by the presentation. Lunch will be available for purchase in the café, or feel free to bring your own picnic to enjoy outdoors.

07|01 Most Reverend John McDermott  
*Petrine Ministry in the Life of the Church*

07|08 Fr. Michael Carter, SSE  
*Catholicism in America from the Revolution to Roosevelt*

07|15 Fr. David Cray, SSE  
*Kateri Tekakwitha: A Saint For Our Region*

07|22 Fr. Brian Cummings, SSE  
*Ignatian Contemplation of Scripture*

07|29 Fr. David Theroux, SSE  
*Connecting with Jesus in All the Dimensions of Life*

08|05 Fr. Michael Carter, SSE  
*The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome: Tomb of Pope Francis*

08|12 Fr. Lance Harlow  
*The Assumption of Mary and Our Pilgrimage to Heaven*

08|19 Msgr. Peter Routhier  
*The Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi*

08|26 John Kenney  
*Pope Leo the Augustinian*

09|02 Fr. Brian Cummings, SSE  
*Praying with the Post Resurrection Appearances*



07|12 SUNDAY  
**Chicken BBQ**

*St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 11 am*  
Please join us for our annual chicken BBQ.

Dine-in or take-out, starting at 11 am until all are served. \$13 per meal. Proceeds benefit St. John the Baptist Insurance Fund.



07|21 TUESDAY  
**Newman Series on the Parochial and Plain Sermons**

*via Zoom • 7 - 8:30 pm*

Fr. Henry Furman will read and discuss the sermon, "Waiting for Christ." The text of the sermon can be found here: [www.newmanreader.org/works/parochial/volume6/sermon17.html](http://www.newmanreader.org/works/parochial/volume6/sermon17.html). Zoom link can be found on this page: [www.vermontcatholic.org/event/newman-series-on-the-parochial-and-plain-sermons/2026-07-21/](http://www.vermontcatholic.org/event/newman-series-on-the-parochial-and-plain-sermons/2026-07-21/). Hope to see you there!



07|19 SUNDAY  
**Diocesan Family Day Mass & BBQ**

*St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 12:15 pm*

Mass celebrated by Bishop McDermott,

followed by free-will donation BBQ.

Looking to make our Diocesan Family Day a weekend pilgrimage? Overnight accommodations are available at the Shrine in spacious air-conditioned cabins which can hold up to 16 individuals in comfortable bunkbeds (see <https://www.saintannesshrine.org/cabins>). Perfect for individuals, couples, and families of all ages. Skip the one-day roundtrip drive to the Shrine and spend a night or two during this celebratory event. Forms for reservations can be found at <https://www.saintannesshrine.org/upcoming-retreats>. A requested offering in support of the Mission of the Shrine varies based on number of guests in a cabin and further information can be obtained from Owen Wood at [owood@saintannesshrine.org](mailto:owood@saintannesshrine.org) or by calling 802-928-3362.

Join us for a pilgrimage  
in the footsteps of St. Paul  
**Greece & Ephesus**

*August 24 - September 5, 2026*

Under the spiritual direction of Fr. Dwight Baker of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Shelburne. This pilgrimage is open to all parishes. All inclusive price is \$5,995 per person. Learn more at: [vermontcatholic.org/event/a-catholic-pilgrimage-tour-to-greece-ephesus/](http://vermontcatholic.org/event/a-catholic-pilgrimage-tour-to-greece-ephesus/)

