



Schedule & Instructions

May 29th – mailing to all previous donors. You may have less people give during in-pew, if they have already responded to the mailing.

In-Pew: June 6-7 or 13-14

- Please hang Bishop's Appeal posters on doors or entry way prior to the in-pew weekend.
- Distribute the printed in-pew brochure to parishioners (includes a built-in pledge card and envelope) as they enter or place them at the ends of the pew along with pens and the Ways to Give flyer with the QR code. The brochures can remain in the pew all summer.
- The pastor plays the video prior to Mass or during, per the preference of the pastor: vermontcatholic.org/parishresources
- The pastor can say a few words about why it is important, or read the letter from Bishop McDermott after the homily, instead or in addition to the video. The letter is included in these instructions.
- **Please provide time** for parishioners to complete the pledge card and instruct them to place it in the envelope so it can be collected during offertory.
- Please ask the parishioners to write 0 on the pledge card along with their name and parish if they cannot give, so we do not mail to them. Those that gave already may do so as well so we can confirm we received their gift.
- **Before mailing the envelopes back to the Development office, please place them in the provided tamper evident bag (one per large envelope). In-pew envelopes should be mailed to the Development office within 1 week of collection, to ensure the gifts are recorded and acknowledged in a timely manner.**
- **The Chancery Office is moving, and the new PO Box should be used when mailing in-pew materials. The new address is PO Box 2367, South Burlington, VT 05407.**

Other Promotions

- If you have an eCatholic website, you can find all the promotional materials for the appeal in the diocesan portal to add to your website. Our staff can help you. If not, you will find everything here: vermontcatholic.org/parishresources
- If your parish does weekly eblast to parishioners, please announce the appeal and provide a link to our website: bishopsappealvt.org

Additional Mailings

September: Second Mailing

July 29: Online DeGoesbriand Day of Giving (more to come from our office)

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Resources

All the appeal materials, updates and progress reports can be found here:

vermontcatholic.org/parishresources

Bishop's Appeal website: bishopsappealvt.org

Pulpit and Bulletins Announcements

Please read the announcements from the pulpit and print them in your bulletin along with parish percent to goal once that is available. These can be tailored as necessary. NOTE: We will be including similar messages in The Inland See (TIS) so if you print the TIS tailor or shorten these as you see fit.

May 30-May 31 (Reminding Parishioners about In-Pew)

When you offer a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you share the blessings you have received from our Heavenly Father. When you give, you act in support of raising critical funds needed by our statewide ministries, services, and programs at the heart of the mission of our Diocese. You also support the dedicated workers within these ministries who compassionately respond to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families through emergency aid, prison ministry, counseling, spiritual retreats, lay formation programs, and Catholic education.

Please, prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2026 appeal by responding to the mailing that you received, or by offering a sacrificial gift next week at your church.

June 6-7 In-Pew

At the beginning of Mass please play the video, play the recording (online: vermontcatholic.org/parishresources), or read the in-pew letter from Bishop McDermott (below). Ask parishioners to complete the pledge cards at the end of the pew, put them in the envelopes and place in the basket during offertory. Instruct parishioners to write 0 on the pledge card if they gave already or cannot make a gift this year so they will not be solicited again. Return pledge cards to the Development office in the tamper evident bags and return envelopes provided within 1 week of the in-pew.

In-pew letter

This can be used instead of the video if you do not have the capacity to play it or read before the offertory.

As Catholics, we know we are called to have Christ as the foundation of everything we do. In our diocese we strive to live this out through our services and ministries focused on evangelization, catechesis, and works of mercy. Despite the many challenges we have faced in our world, our country, and our diocese in the past year, we have much to celebrate by having Christ as our sure foundation:

Evangelization

Joyously and in harmony with national trends, more than 150 individuals were welcomed into the Church this Easter through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Notably large groups came from our campus ministry programs at UVM and Norwich University.

Catechesis

There are 2,158 students enrolled in our twelve Catholic schools. Our Office of Religious Education supports 78 parish religious education programs with over 1,200 students. Twelve parishes hosted Totus Tuus summer camp for 463 young campers; 67 teens attended the Steubenville East conference in July 2025.

Hundreds of adults are being engaged through retreats and events such as the annual young adult retreat, the semi-annual women's retreats, the annual men's retreat, monthly Faith Ascending events for young adults, and the quarterly Vermont Catholic Professional networking events.

Works of Mercy

In 2025, Vermont Catholic Charities provided services to 3,474 individuals. The services provided included: emergency aid, prison ministry, counseling services, and residential care.

A common thread shared by these diocesan services and ministries is funding; all are either partly or entirely funded through the Bishop's Annual Appeal. With your generous support we are better equipped to carry out Christ's Great Commission — to share God's love, transform society, and witness to the faith in daily life.

Though the diocese has been in Chapter 11 reorganization since September 2024, we have 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. As we launch the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2026, this will continue to be my goal and intention.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and support.

God alone suffices!



The Most Reverend John J. McDermott

Bishop of Burlington

June 13-14 (If you are doing in-pew this weekend, please see June 6-7)

It is only with your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal that the Diocese of Burlington can continue to provide faith filled ministries such as retreats, *Totus Tuus*, marriage preparation, respect life, and youth and young adult programs, and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ for years to come. To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

June 20-21

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." - Proverbs 19:17 (NIV). The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports individuals who are struggling financially through the Vermont Catholic Charities Emergency Aid program. Many of your neighbors are silently struggling to make ends meet and the number keeps rising. The emergency aid program is a lifeline to households who can't make the rent, pay their utilities, or must choose between food and prescription drugs. To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

June 27-28

Thousands of faithful Catholics in Vermont gather each weekend to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, a testament to our enduring faith. Help us continue building a hopeful future by supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which funds essential diocesan ministries and operations. To learn more or make a gift online visit: bishopsappealvt.org.

In the Month of July please also share your parish progress. We will send more bulletin announcements. THANK YOU!!!

**The new address for the Development Office is:
PO Box 2367, South Burlington, VT 05407**

2026 Bishop Annual Appeal Parish Goals

Parish	2026 Goal
All Saints Parish, Richford-AF710	\$11,079.00
Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish- AF606	\$30,115.00
Ascension Mission-AF714	\$18,523.00
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish-AF607	\$42,470.00

Blessed Sacrament Parish-AF418	\$38,875.00
Christ Our Savior Parish-AF306	\$51,846.00
Christ the King / St. Anthony Parish-AF101	\$116,423.00
Christ the King Parish, Rutland-AF617	\$57,966.00
Corpus Christi Parish-AF516	\$56,717.00
Holy Cross Parish-AF114	\$45,331.00
Holy Family / St. Lawrence Parish-AF111	\$58,331.00
Holy Family - Springfield-AF903 (Maternity BVM & St. Joseph)	\$24,435.00
Holy Name of Mary Mission-AF208	\$3,039.00
Immaculate Conception-AF713 / Immaculate Conception	\$61,602.00
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Williston-AF124	\$43,262.00
Mary Queen of All Saints Parish-AF408	\$17,428.00
Mater Dei Parish-AF512	\$47,740.00
Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Morrisville-AF414	\$25,581.00
Most Holy Trinity Parish-AF500	\$20,906.00
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary/St. Louis Parish-AF718	\$28,044.00
Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Wilmington-AF212	\$17,688.00
Our Lady of Good Help Parish-AF600	\$13,877.00
Our Lady of Grace Parish-AF109	\$30,446.00
Our Lady of Mercy Parish-AF209	\$10,207.00
Our Lady of Light Mission-AF405	\$1,120.00
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish-AF108	\$18,258.00
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish-AF403	\$11,061.00
Our Lady of Seven Dolors Parish-AF604	\$11,325.00
Our Lady of Snows/St. Patrick Mission-AF419	\$23,124.00
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish-AF116	\$24,343.00
Our Lady of the Lake Parish, South Hero-AF901	\$18,148.00
Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Woodstock-AF214	\$28,744.00
Our Lady of the Valley Parish-AF202	\$29,054.00
Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales Parish-AF310	\$41,776.00
St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish-AF613	\$10,365.00
St. Ambrose Parish- AF105	\$20,769.00
St. Andre Bessette Parish-AF902	\$8,146.00
St. Andrew Parish-AF423	\$15,289.00
St. Ann Parish-AF115	\$48,188.00
St. Anthony and St. George Mission-AF725	\$6,250.00
St. Anthony Parish, Sheldon Springs-AF716	\$8,849.00
St. Anthony Parish, White River Junction-AF211	\$19,524.00
St. Augustine Parish-AF413	\$32,676.00
St. Bernadette / St. Genevieve Mission-AF601	\$6,384.00
St. Bridget Parish-AF623	\$5,864.00
St. Catherine of Siena Parish-AF117	\$104,971.00
St. Charles Parish-AF201	\$6,362.00

St. Dominic Parish-AF616	\$5,780.00
St. Eugene Mission-AF406	\$4,573.00
St. Francis of Assisi Mission-AF404	\$2,787.00
St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Windsor-AF213	\$9,844.00
St. Francis Xavier Parish, Winooski-AF125	\$100,763.00
St. Isidore Mission-AF709	\$3,915.00
St. Joachim Parish-AF308	\$5,320.00
St. John the Baptist Parish- Enosburgh AF703	\$16,210.00
St. John the Baptist Parish, Castleton-AF603	\$10,247.00
St. John the Baptist Parish, North Bennington-AF307	\$24,569.00
St. John the Evangelist Parish-AF415	\$19,680.00
St. John Vianney Parish-AF118	\$115,000.00
St. Joseph Cathedral Parish-AF103	\$52,763.00
St. Jude the Apostle Parish-AF113	\$23,558.00
St. Luke Parish-AF704	\$22,718.00
St. Mark Parish- AF104	\$43,020.00
St. Mary of the Assumption Parish-AF106	\$9,512.00
St. Michael Parish-AF206	\$28,344.00
St. Monica Parish-AF400	\$88,876.00
St. Patrick Parish, Fairfield-AF705	\$13,780.00
St. Patrick Parish, Wallingford-AF621	\$10,431.00
St. Paul Parish, Orwell-AF611	\$3,865.00
St. Peter Parish, Rutland-AF620	\$17,146.00
St. Peter Parish, Vergennes-AF123	\$16,734.00
St. Pius X Parish-AF110	\$58,739.00
St. Raphael Parish, Poultney-AF615	\$9,530.00
St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish-AF625	\$12,019.00
St. Thomas Parish-AF122	\$12,473.00
St. Michaels College-AF866	\$20,813.00
Catholic Center at the University of Vermont-AF888	\$8,858.00
Parish Unaffiliated-AF900	\$55,612.00
	\$2,200,000.00