



# ECC ENGAGE

## ESSEX CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

*Holy Family      St. Lawrence      St. Pius X*

### Sharing A Vibrant Worshipping Community

#### Diocesan Synod Update

During 2018-2019 Bishop Coyne convened four **Synod** meetings with delegates from all parishes in Vermont. The purpose of the **Diocesan Synod** is to establish a pastoral plan for the immediate future of the Catholic Church in Vermont.

#### ECC Action Plan

The Catholic Leadership Institute provided training in June 2019 for Parish Action Plan Writing Teams. Each team will prepare three goals for each of the focus areas described to the right: Evangelization, Building a Vibrant Parish and Communications.

#### Call to Action

Over the next few months the Action Plan Writing Team will be reaching out to parish members to become actively involved in accomplishing the goals that will be put forth with the support of our Parish Councils. BE READY TO SERVE! **Thanks!**



#### Focus Areas

##### Evangelization

Develop a pastoral approach that helps every parish become an intentional evangelizing parish. Focus on learning more about our faith and preparing to share our faith with others through group and personal spiritual activities.

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##### Building a Vibrant Parish

Strengthen our outreach to our Catholic brethren through an engaged and welcoming parish, stimulating community worship and service to the community. Include the laity in both spiritual and outreach efforts focusing on the liturgy and the sacraments.

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##### Communications

Improve two-way communications within the Essex Catholic Community, between parishes and with the Diocese. Find new ways to inform parishioners: youth, young adults, seniors, home bound, single parents and those we hope might join us in worship.

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# VBS

## Discipleship

### Vacation Bible School

One of our most successful evangelization programs is our Vacation Bible School. It seems to be a great favorite for those from elementary level through high school. The active learning about our faith is so important in the development of the faith of our young people who are the future of the Catholic Church.

### Get ECC Engaged!

Join in and become involved in one or more of the below activities in fulfilling our commitment to build a pastoral plan for a vibrant parish!

Please check off your areas of interest and drop this slip in the basket at Mass or contact a Writing Team member.

- Liturgy Committee
- Evangelization Team
- Building a Vibrant Parish Team
- Communications Team
- Adoration
- Listen & Learn
- Serve our Neighbor
- Essex Eats Out
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Key to our role as disciples for Jesus is to enrich our own personal devotion to and relationship with Jesus. We will have many opportunities for learning, discussing and praying about our relationship through greatly enhanced Adult Religious Education programming. Through **Listen & Learn**, our renewed Adult religious education program we will attempt to grow the audience for some of the most favorite series we have offered before as well as direct programs for specific groups and offer more one session programs for our busy families.

**Listen & Learn**, does not mean we are not participating, but that we are listening to Jesus and the Holy Spirit as they guide us in pursuing a deeper understanding and knowledge of our faith and a loving and personal relationship with Jesus.

### **Listen & Learn**

Fall 2019

#### *The Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching*

Presenter: Josh McDonald

Mondays, Sept 9 - Oct 24 7 pm

#### *Distinctly Matthew: Most Quoted Gospel*

Presenter: Father Berube

Mondays Nov 4, 11 & 18 7pm

Light of the World Retreat (TBD)

Stay tuned for information on Bible Study groups, Book Club discussion groups and Advent series.

