The Inland See



his year marks the 26th year of Vermont Catholic Charities' Advent Appeal. On behalf of the thousands of individuals and families that have been helped, thank you for bringing the joy and hope of the Advent season to those in need.

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior into our world, we ask you again to join Vermont Catholic Charities Inc. in answering the call to show our love and compassion for Vermonters in need of emergency assistance by making a gift to the annual Advent Appeal.

The "Season of Giving" has no bounds for people in need. At Christmastime and throughout the year, it is a daily struggle for many Vermonters to maintain housing, stay warm or feed their families. This year the need is even greater as the Covid-19 pandemic has heightened the vulnerability of the population we serve and brought new families to us for help. We ask you, please, to help people in crisis, especially the most vulnerable among us — children, struggling parents, the elderly and the sick.

Help people like Tom feed his children. Tom is a single father of two teenage boys; he works full-time, so he is not eligible for food assistance. Due to Covid-19, his sons were home full-time. They ran out of basic food items before his next paycheck. We helped Tom with food cards to ensure they would not go hungry.

Help people like Molly and Jimmy keep the heat on. They have a 10-year-old daughter and were excited to welcome a new baby. Unexpectedly, Molly lost her job due to Covid-19 while Jimmy's hours were reduced. They were out of fuel. We helped with a fuel delivery and provided a food card to ensure the family had heat and food so they could focus on welcoming their new baby.

These are real people, and with your support we can assist people just like them, our neighbors in need. Your gift helps us to continue to show God's love in concrete ways.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, we assisted more than 1,600 adults and 1,300 children through the Advent Appeal and our Emergency Aid Program.

We ask for your prayerful consideration of a donation to this year's Appeal; every gift — whatever the size — makes a difference. Please support this worthy effort by sending a check to Vermont Catholic Charities, 55 Joy Drive, South Burlington, VT 05403 or giving online at vermontcatholic.org/adventappeal.

On behalf of Vermont Catholic Charities and all the Vermonters you will help this year, thank you.

May you have blessed Advent and Christmas seasons.

— Mary Beth Pinard, Executive Director, Vermont Catholic Charities Inc.

Goal: \$10,000,000



Christ Our Hope Campaign Update

A portion of the funds raised through the *Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church* campaign supports these types of ministries through the faith formation fund established in the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation. This will ensure stable income for vital faith formation ministries, especially in times of crisis. To learn more about the campaign or make a gift online visit: www.christourhopevt.org.

Upcoming Events



11|17 TUESDAY

The Apostles Creed: **Reflection Group**

Zoom Meeting • 7:45 - 8:45 pm

The Apostle's Creed is the oldest of the official creeds of the Church and is still used today as our baptismal creed. Join Seminarian Greg Caldwell for a series of reflections followed by discussion upon the Apostle's Creed. Email gcaldwell@saintmeinrad.edu to get Zoom information to join.



11|19 THURSDAY

Virtual Theology on Tap

Zoom meeting • 7 - 8 pm Grab a pint and join us over Zoom for

Theology on Tap! Fr. Steven Marchand, Parochial Vicar in Rutland will be our speaker. Theology on Tap is a lecture and discussion series for young adults ages 18-39. Secure your spot here and invite your friends with this link: vermontcatholic.org/event/virtual-theology-on-tap-2/.



11122 SUNDAY

Holy Hour Prayers in One Accord

St. John Vianney, South Burlington • 3 pm The Blue Army friends are hosting this

special intention prayers with Adoration, chanted Divine Mercy Chaplet, and the Litany of Reparation in honor to the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and pray together, Jesus is waiting for you. Ask and you shall receive.



12 05 SATURDAY

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 9:30 am Join us the first Saturday of every month.

Rosary and reconciliation begin at 8 and Mass at 8:30.



12|12 SATURDAY

Padre Pio Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 - 10 am Rosary starts at 8am followed by Mass,

Special Intentions for the intercession of Saint Padre Pio and then learning about Padre Pio's life, ministry and spiritual gifts will follow in the parish hall after Mass.



12 12 SATURDAY

Walk by Faith: Young Adult **Advent Pilgrimage Walk**

Burlington • 1 - 5 pm

We'll dive into the season of Advent in the steps of Our Lady and St. Joseph. We'll begin at St. Anthony's in Burlington, making stops along the way for prayer, talks and reflection at Christ the King and Church Street, concluding with Vigil Mass at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.



12|17 THURSDAY

Virtual Theology on Tap

Zoom meeting • 7 - 8 pm

Register at: vermontcatholic.org/event/

virtual-theology-on-tap-3/

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Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator

St. Joseph Kervick Home, Rutland: Cook

St. Joseph Kervick Home, Rutland: **Resident Services Coordinator**

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, **Burlington**: Cook

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LPN or Med Tech

— \$1000 Sign-On Bonus

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For More Info:

vermontcatholic.org/careers



WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Write a note or letter (on special paper or decorative card, with an envelope) to your spouse to share next week. Include what you are grateful for in your marriage and include one or two fond memories that you have both shared.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge



As we launch the Christ our Hope campaign, we ask that you first prayerfully consider your annual gift to the Bishop's Appeal which helps support statewide ministries today: bishopsappealvt.org. If you are able, we then ask that you prayerfully consider making a gift to our first-ever statewide campaign over a three-year period to ensure the vibrant future of our parishes, schools and ministries to the poor.

100%

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal: \$2,651,157

74%

As of November 4: \$1,953,776