

NEWS FROM The Inland See

November 27 – December 3, 2021 FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



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communal
Church

“Pope Francis has announced a universal Synod inviting all Catholics across the globe to discern together how to better listen and communicate with each other to bolster our communion in Christ Jesus. Similar to our recent diocesan synod, all Catholics in Vermont will be invited to participate in parish listening sessions, diocesan listening sessions and digital surveys.”

— Bishop Christopher Coyne



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

What is the Synod of Bishops?

A helpful short definition of the Synod of Bishops is a gathering of bishops that:

1. fosters closer unity between the bishops and the Pope.
2. provides counsel to the Pope on matters of faith and morals, and discipline of the Church.
3. studies questions concerning the Church in the world (c.f. Code of Canon Law c. 342).

Voting in the Synod of Bishops is limited to bishops present at the synod gathering. However, clergy, men and women religious, theologians, catechists, canon lawyers, and lay experts all participate in the synod gathering with bishops by providing their counsel.

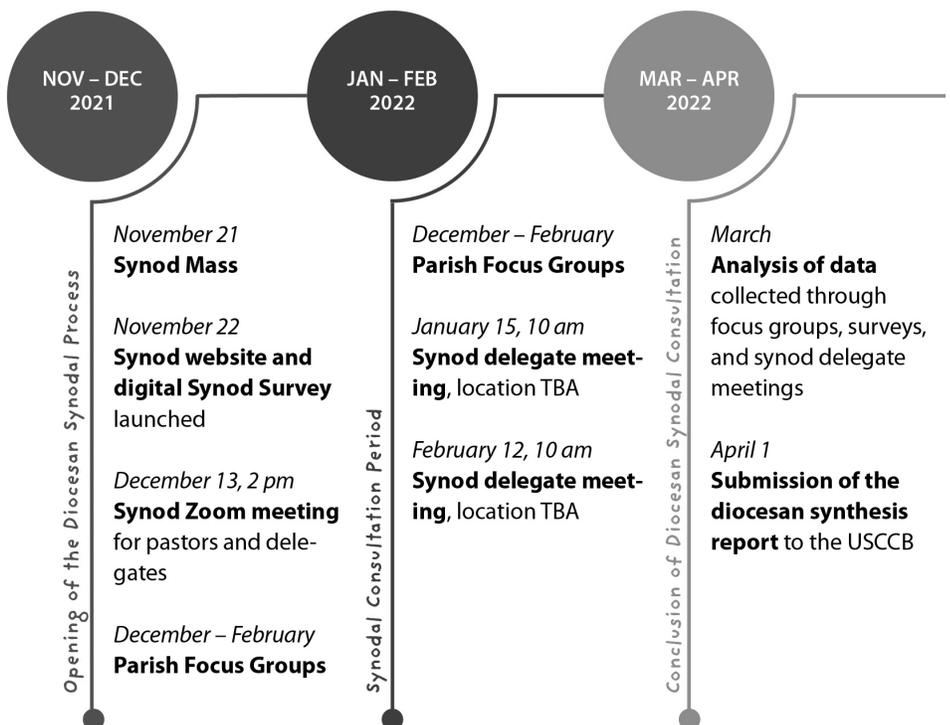
What is Synodal Process?

The synodal process or synodality is not simply a gathering or meeting of bishops, nor is it a process of the administrative arm of the Church. Rather, synodality is the path and process of the Church as communion. It is the communion of all the baptized who are listening to each other, dialoguing with each other, and praying together to hear the voice of Holy Spirit as we all seek holiness and proclaim the Gospel. Synodality involves clergy, religious and laity listening and speaking, praying, and discerning together, and placing the hopes and concerns of the People of God at the foot of the bishops, who, united with the Pope, decide matters of faith and morals to preserve the faith and strengthen the Church throughout the world.

What is different about this Synod?

This Synod is unique because the Holy Father is asking that the entire Church participate in this Synod. The faithful, clergy and religious are invited to pray, listen, and talk together with the bishops before the 2023 gathering of Bishops in Rome. In our Diocese, we will pray, listen, and talk with one another through parish listening sessions, diocesan listening sessions and digital surveys.

Synod Timeline



Upcoming Events



11|30 TUESDAY
Saints & Sinners

Online • 7 pm

Join us online in November when Bishop

Christopher Coyne presents on St. Peter.

For more info: vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.



12|01 WEDNESDAY
**Living Joy Discussion Group:
Jesus Is the Journey**

Online • 7 – 8 pm

Join Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9 Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day. This is the last of eleven sessions that began in July. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee.



12|02 THURSDAY
**Book Reading and Signing:
"Called" by Mark Redmond**

Holy Family Parish Hall, Essex Jct. • 7 pm

Mark Redmond, member of the Essex Catholic community, will be holding a book reading and signing for his recently-published memoir, "Called". Mark writes about his upbringing on Long Island and the impact Catholic education had on him for 16 years and the role it played in his decision to devote himself to working with homeless, runaway and at-risk youth. According to US Catholic magazine, "I cannot think of a better example of someone truly living their life's vocation than Mark Redmond."



12|03, 04 FRIDAY & SATURDAY
St Mary's Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Fair Haven •

Join us for our annual Christmas Bazaar.

There will be a basket raffle (do not need to be present to win), 50/50 raffle, our huge white elephant sale, food table, vendors and stay for supper/ lunch from our kitchen. Hours are 2 to 6 on Friday and 10 to 2 on Saturday.



12|03 FRIDAY
**The Challenge Club
for Catholic Girls**

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Williston • 6–8 pm

Challenge is a club for girls to grow in virtue, friendship and their Catholic faith. It's a place for girls to learn about themselves by doing apostolic projects and creating a positive impact on family, friends and the world. Challenge's recipe for success is based on a combination of doing apostolic work and formation. **FOR MORE INFO:** Mary Niekrewicz: mary.of.vt@gmail.com, (802) 878-5538 or Audrey Walko: audreycgsvt@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564



12|04 SATURDAY
All Saints Parish Annual Christmas Bazaar

All Saints, Richford • 9 am – 2 pm

We will have our All Saints table, a white elephant table, homemade fudge, fresh homemade baked goods, a T-Cup auction, and a money raffle. Enjoy a light breakfast and a delicious lunch with a choice of various homemade soups and sandwiches. Buy your Christmas gifts from our many local artists and crafters!!! Questions? Call 848-7741



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ANNUAL APPEAL
2021
UPDATE



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12|03, 04, FRI, SAT
Christmas Bazaar

Our Lady of Angels and Our Lady of the Valley

More than 20 vendors will offer a wonderful

variety of merchandise: jewelry, cosmetics, toys, wreaths and centerpieces, candy, candles, needlework, quilts, arts & crafts, knitted items, collectable & vintage treasures, antiques — many terrific Christmas presents.

Our Lady of the Angels, Randolph: Friday, Dec. 3, 2 –

6 pm and Saturday, Dec. 4, 9 am – 2 pm

St. Anthony, Bethel: Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 am – 4 pm



12|05, 12, 19 SUNDAYS
Sing We Now Noel

St. Albans, Colchester & Stowe • 2 pm

A celebration of Christmas and seasonal

music will be presented at three different locations with Dr. William Tortolano as organist. The 92-year-old St. Michael's College Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts and Music continues to avoid retirement. The acoustic and tonal resources of the different Vermont spaces will bring a wide variety of organ music and vocal soloists. The audience will have an opportunity to sing favorite carols from many countries. Organ solos are by J.S. Bach, Pachelbel, Brahms, Yon and Rowley.

Dec. 5, St. Mary's Church in St. Albans: soloists Jake Barickman and John Schreindorfer

Dec. 12, St. Michael's College chapel in Colchester: soloist Jerry Proulx

Dec. 19, Blessed Sacrament Church in Stowe: soloist Elisabeth Ortiz.

The concerts are free and open to the public. An optional free will offering will be available.

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Diocesan Catechetical Leader

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister

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Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

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CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

The Advent season begins as we wait for the birth of our Savior. One way you can prepare and show your gratitude to God is to spend time this week making a list of how you could help others. Choose to set a budget on the gifts given this year, where half of what you gave last year can be donated to others.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge