

NEWS FROM The Inland See

December 4–10, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

CHRIST OUR

Hope



Building a Vibrant Church Update

Last fall, guided by the results of our diocesan-wide synod and input from thousands of parishioners, the Diocese of Burlington launched its first statewide campaign, Christ Our Hope: Building a Vibrant Church.

The focus of this campaign reflects the early ministries of Christ: “And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people” (Mt 4:23).

Each gift to the campaign supports the following ministries:

- **Preaching** — building vibrant and welcoming parishes (60% to parishes).
- **Teaching** — evangelization through faith formation programs (20%).
- **Healing** — emergency aid to households in crisis (20%).

The primary focus of this campaign has always been about helping our parishes. Each parish has specific goals developed by its parish council and pastor to address local, immediate needs that will create a more vibrant future, and many are close to reaching at least one of their tiered goals.

That is why 80% (instead of 60%) of new gifts and pledges made in December will be distributed to the parishes to

support their efforts, and 20% will be split evenly between faith formation and emergency aid.

On Dec. 6, the Vermont Catholic Community Foundation will match the first 25 new gifts or pledges made online of \$1,000 or more with a \$1,000 grant directly to the parish — one match per parish. To make an online gift visit: christourhopevt.org/donate.

Many who were not able to commit to a gift last year asked us to come back this fall with our invitation to give. We are so grateful for all that we have received thus far during this very difficult time. Any gift, no matter the size, will make a difference. Please consider a gift to help your parish.

To learn more about your parish goals visit: christourhopevt.org/parish.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. — 1 Thes 5:16-18

Sincerely,

Ellen Kane

Executive Director of Development and Communications

What is Prop. 5?

An amendment that would enshrine abortion in the Vermont Constitution

WE NEED YOU! Join us on Tuesday, Dec 14th @ 7PM for an informational webinar!

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Upcoming Events



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.



12|13 MONDAY

A Charlie Brown Christmas, America's Passion Play

Holy Family Parish Center, Essex Jct. • 7 pm

Come learn the inside story and multi-faith origins — Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant — of America's most spiritual piece of pop culture. Presented by Dr. Damian Costello, Director of Postgraduate Studies at NAIITS: An Indigenous Learning Community and author of "How 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' became America's passion play."



12|14 TUESDAY

Webinar: What is Prop. 5?

Online • 7 - 8 pm

Join Bishop Coyne and State experts for an evening webinar explaining Prop. 5 (Article 22). Prop. 5 seeks to amend Vermont's constitution to enshrine abortion into it. Prop. 5 is expected to be put to the general public vote in November, 2022. Please send any questions/comments to Phyllis Harkonen at pharkonen@vermontcatholic.org or 802-652-6110 x1201



12|17, 01|07, 21, 02|04, 18 FRIDAYS

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. **FOR MORE INFO:** contact Mary Niekrewicz, mary.of.vt@gmail.com, (802) 878-5538 or Audrey Walko, audreycgsvt@gmail.com, (802) 373-9564.



12|18 SATURDAY

Corpus Christi Parish Advent Retreat

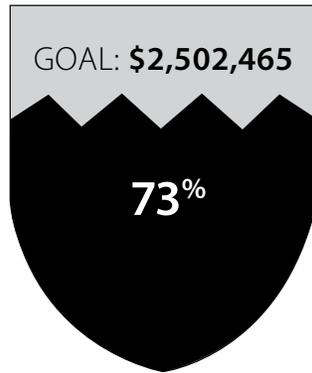
Our Lady Queen of Peace, Danville

9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Come re-encounter Jesus Christ, join Catholic brothers and sisters as we journey through Advent, and experience anew



BISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL
2021
UPDATE



As of Nov. 24, 2021: **\$1,834,325**

To learn more or make a gift visit:

vermontcatholic.org/giveonline

the joy of our faith! The day will feature talks by local clergy on the Advent themes of Hope, Faith, and Joy, followed by witness talks from local parishioners. There is no registration fee and no charge for lunch. **FOR MORE INFO:** contact Tom Lovett at lightoftheworldcorpuschristi@gmail.com.



12|30 THURSDAY

More than the Magi: Celebrating the Riches of Epiphany 2022

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 7-8:30 pm

A reflection on the history, liturgy, and spirituality of a feast of feasts, with Fr. Richard Berube, SSE.



01|05, 19, 02|02, 16, 03|02, & 16

WEDNESDAYS

Resisting Happiness Book Club

Online • 7 pm

Come explore with us Matthew Kelly's book *Resisting Happiness* at 7-8 pm every other Wednesday for six weeks. Free book and study guide, contact pturnley@aol.com.



01|25 TUESDAY

Saints & Sinners

Online • 7 pm

Join us in November when Deacon Phil Lawson presents on Saints Philip, Athanasius and Lawrence. **For more info:** vermontcatholic.org/saints-and-sinners.



02|05 SATURDAY

Our Lady of Fatima Devotions

Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am

Beginning with Rosary at 8 am, Confessions, and followed by Mass at 8:30 am.

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Christ the King School, Burlington:

Afterschool and Summer Camp Director

Diocesan Central Offices, South Burlington:

Human Resources Generalist

Diocesan Catechetical Leader

Diocesan Youth & Young Adult Minister

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington:

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) — \$1,000

Sign-On Bonus

St. Mark Parish, Burlington:

Coordinator of Evangelization & Catechesis

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DEC. 5-11, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

The Second Week of Advent

Have you started a collection jar for good deeds during Advent? You might choose to donate to your local humane society, the St. Nicholas Project at the Kurn Hattin home in Westminster, VT, or to your local food shelf. Keep praying daily together for the needs of others.

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