

NEWS FROM The Inland See

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

June 27 – July 3, 2020

Message from Burlington Bishop Christopher J. Coyne concerning the death of George Floyd, the continuing scourge of racism and the recent protests

My brothers and sisters in Christ,

I have been giving much thought to a pastoral response to the present violence and upheaval in our country sparked by the recent death of George Floyd at the hands of police in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I have read many statements and heard many opinions on how best to respond as a man of faith speaking to people of faith and goodwill here in Vermont concerning his death, the continuing scourge of racism and the recent protests and social unrest in our country. Just two days ago, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a statement on these matters which encapsulates my own feelings and thoughts well:

The killing of George Floyd was senseless and brutal, a sin that cries out to heaven for justice. How is it possible that in America, a black man's life can be taken from him while calls for help are not answered, and his killing is recorded as it happens?

I am praying for George Floyd and his loved ones, and on behalf of my brother bishops, I share the outrage of the black community and those who stand with them in Minneapolis, Los Angeles and across the country. The cruelty and violence he suffered does not reflect on the majority of good men and women in law enforcement who carry out their duties with honor. We know that. And we trust that civil authorities will investigate his killing carefully and make sure those responsible are held accountable.

We should all understand that the protests we are seeing in our cities reflect the justified frustration and anger of millions of our brothers and sisters who even today experience humiliation, indignity and unequal opportunity only because of their race or the color of their skin. It should not be this

way in America. Racism has been tolerated for far too long in our way of life.

It is true what Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. said, that riots are the language of the unheard. We should be doing a lot of listening right now. This time, we should not fail to hear what people are saying through their pain. We need to finally root out the racial injustice that still infects too many areas of American society.

But the violence of recent nights is self-destructive and self-defeating. Nothing is gained by violence and so much is lost. Let us keep our eyes on the prize of true and lasting change.

Legitimate protests should not be exploited by persons who have different values and agendas. Burning and looting communities, ruining the livelihoods of our neighbors, does not advance the cause of racial equality and human dignity.

We should not let it be said that George Floyd died for no reason. We should honor the sacrifice of his life by removing racism and hate from our hearts and renewing our commitment to fulfill our nation's sacred promise — to be a beloved community of life, liberty and equality for all.

Please join with me in prayer and peaceful action to renew our commitment and fulfill our nation's sacred promise — “to be a beloved community of life, liberty and equality for all.”



Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Christopher J. Coyne

The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne
Bishop of Burlington



Diocese of Burlington *Online Ministry Opportunities*

June 28 – July 4, 2020

Daily	Posted at 9 AM	Bishop Coyne's Daily Reflections — www.facebook.com/DioBurlington and www.vermontcatholic.org/about/office-of-bishop/dailyreflections/
Daily (Monday – Friday)	8 AM	Eucharistic Adoration — Livestream — www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass
Daily (Monday – Friday)	11:15 AM	Rosary — with Valerie Parzyck — www.facebook.com/DioBurlington
Daily (Monday – Friday)	12:05 PM	Mass — Livestream — www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass
Sunday	10 AM	Mass — Livestream — www.vermontcatholic.org/tvmass

Upcoming Events



06|28, 07|12, 19 SUNDAYS

Emmaus Walks

St. Mary, St. Albans • 1 - 3 pm

Open to the whole family! Bring food, water, and sturdy shoes for hiking. We'll meet at the church. From there, we will walk to Hard'ack Park for fellowship, fun and prayer. Fr. Chalifoux will join us for these walks.



07|02 THURSDAY

Theology on Tap with Fr. Dwight Baker

*Switchback Brewing Company, Burlington
6:30 - 8 pm*

Young adults ages 18-39 are welcome to Theology on Tap with Fr. Dwight Baker at Switchback Brewing Company. Come enjoy good beer and socially-distanced fellowship while reflecting on our faith.



07|08, 15, 22, 29 WEDNESDAYS

Book Club: *Death Comes for the Archbishop*

Zoom online • 7:30 - 8:30 pm

This summer, we will be reading *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, an American novel widely regarded as a masterpiece, both within and outside of Catholic circles. As we endure the

Vermont heat in July, we will join Bishop Latour and Father Vaillant in the unsettled American West as they seek to bring the Gospel to this unique landscape and its people. We will meet four times to discuss the book and learn about some aspects of our faith. vermontcatholic.org/event/book-study-death-comes-for-the-archbishop/2020-07-08/



07|11 SATURDAY

Young Adult Hike: Camel's Hump

Duxbury • 9 am - 1 pm

Young adults are invited to hike Camel's Hump with Fr. Dwight Baker. This is a challenging hike. Bring food, water, and sturdy hiking shoes. We will use the Camel's Hump Road trailhead south of Duxbury.



07|12 SUNDAY

Diocesan Family Mass at St. Anne's Shrine

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 12:15 pm

Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne will celebrate Mass. After Mass visitors may picnic on the shrine grounds or on the shore of Lake Champlain, bringing their own picnic lunch. All are asked to follow the Covid-19 protocols issued by the Diocese of Burlington. Learn more: vermontcatholic.org/event/diocesan-family-mass-at-st-annes-shrine-2/



07|16 THURSDAY

Virtual Theology on Tap with Fr. Matthew Rensch

Zoom online • 7 - 8:30 pm

Young adults ages 18-39 are invited to bring their favorite brew and join in! Learn more: vermontcatholic.org/event/virtual-theology-on-tap-with-fr-matthew-reusch/



07|19 SUNDAY

Steubenville Youth Hike

*Stowe Mountain Skiing Parking Lot, Stowe
3:30 - 5 pm*

Following Steubenville Live, join us for a socially-distanced hike at Stowe Mountain. We'll spend time in prayer, and reflecting on the conference as we hike. Bring food, water, and good hiking shoes!



07|22 WEDNESDAY

Vermont Catholic Professionals — Virtual Professional Development

Zoom online • 8 - 9 am

"Crossing Communication Barriers By Leading with Love" presented by Mary Farley, Intelligent Careers Group / Founder, FarLake Consulting. Learn more: vermontcatholic.org/event/vcp-networking-breakfast-7/

DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON CAREERS

Diocese: Respect Life Coordinator

Sacred Heart / St. Francis de Sales School, Bennington: Administrator

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LNA or Caregiver — \$500 Sign-On Bonus

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Full-Time LPN or Med Tech — \$1000 Sign-On Bonus

St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Part-Time LNA or Caregiver

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St. Joseph's Residential Care Home, Burlington: Sr. Maintenance Technician

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vermontcatholic.org/careers