

NEWS FROM The Inland See

July 10–16, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Bishop Coyne ordains 1 priest, 1 transitional deacon



Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne (left) stands in the sanctuary of St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington after the ordination Mass with Deacon Gregory Caldwell (center) and Father Robert Murphy. — Cori Fugere Urban/Vermont Catholic photo

Burlington Bishop Christopher Coyne ordained one man to the priesthood and one to the transitional diaconate June 19 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Burlington.

Newly ordained Father Robert Murphy has been assigned to serve as parochial vicar of St. Monica Parish in Barre; Deacon Gregory Caldwell will serve for the summer at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Middlebury then finish his final year of theology studies at St. Meinrad Seminary in Meinrad, Indiana. He is scheduled to be ordained a priest next year.

Acknowledging the discontinued Covid-19 restrictions that necessitated a “socially distanced” ordination to the transitional diaconate of Father Murphy last year, Bishop Coyne told those gathered — mostly without masks — at the cathedral: “... [W]e have arrived at a place where things can return to ‘normal’ in that our churches can be open at full capacity and without social distancing. It is wonderful for us to be gathered in such a way here in this cathedral, and we offer thanks to God as we move from the pandemic winter to this ‘spring’ of our faith life here in Vermont.”

In his homily, Bishop Coyne called on Father Murphy and Deacon Caldwell to remain close to Christ in prayer, word and worship. “Out of this priestly closeness to Christ, we then move to be close to our people,” he said. “While the providing of the sacraments by the ordained is at the very heart of our ministry and must take primary place in our lives, we are also

called to be pastors and shepherds who know our people and are close to them.”

He continued, “A priest who is close to his people walks among them with the closeness and tenderness of a good shepherd; in shepherding them, he goes at times before them, the times remains in their midst and at other times walks behind them. Not only do people greatly appreciate such a priest; even more, they feel that there is something special about him; something they only feel in the presence of Jesus. That is why discerning our closeness to them is not simply one more thing to do. In it, we either make Jesus present in the life of humanity or let him remain on the level of ideas.”

The bishop called upon the new priest and deacon to be close to their people, visit their homes, go to town events and leave their rectories as much as possible to be with their people.

“Robert and Greg, as ordained ministers of the Church hold on to ... hope, be bearers of ... hope in your closeness to others, ‘not to be served, but to serve,’” the bishop said. “And may you be shining lights of that faith carrying that light in your words and deeds as holy servants of God.”

During the Rite of Ordination, the new deacon was vested in the stole and dalmatic; the new priest was vested in a stole and chasuble.

The bishop handed on the Book of the Gospels to Deacon Caldwell, signifying the responsibility of the deacon to proclaim the Gospel in the liturgy and to preach the faith of the Church in word and deed.

Through the Laying on of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination, the gift of the Holy Spirit for the priestly office was conferred on Father Murphy. The other priests present at the Mass also lay hands on him to signify incorporation into the priesthood.

The bishop anointed the new priest’s hands with sacred chrism, saying, “The Lord Jesus Christ, whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, guard you and preserve you, that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God.”

After the conclusion of the nearly 2-hour Mass, Father Murphy blessed people who lined up for his blessing in front of the cathedral tabernacle.

His mother, Kathy Murphy of St. John the Baptist Church in North Bennington, commented, “I feel incredibly blessed and excited to share Father Robert with the Catholic community in Vermont. ... He is so happy, he is almost floating!”

The Vocations Office of the Diocese of Burlington is supported by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

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Upcoming Events



07|11 – 08|06
Totus Tuus

July 11 – 16 • Brattleboro and Georgia
July 18 – 23 • S. Burlington and Bristol
July 25 – 30 • Newport and Middlebury
August 1 – 6 • Bennington and Barre

The Totus Tuus Summer Catholic youth program will be hosted at twelve locations in Vermont this summer.



07|14 – 08|25 WEDNESDAYS
Summer Reflection Series

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 11:15 am

The Reflection Series returns! Began on July 7 and runs through August 25. Join us on July 14 when Rev. Michael Carter, SSE will present "Mohawk Maiden: The Life and Faith of Kateri Tekakwitha." The program begins with 11:15 a.m. Mass followed by a presentation. Lunch is available for purchase in the café, or you may bring your own picnic lunch to eat outside. All are welcome! Reservations are appreciated though not necessary and can be made by calling (802) 928-3362.



07|18 SUNDAY
Eileen George Prayer Group

Most Holy Name, Morrisville • 1 - 2 pm
Fr. Lance W. Harlow is offering a monthly

lecture and video presentation on the teachings of Eileen George, founder of Meet-The-Father Ministry. Includes Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. Please join us for a very inspiring presentation. Reading materials will be provided each month.



07|21 WEDNESDAY
VCP Virtual Networking Event

via Zoom • 8 am

Dr. Jules Wetchi, an ophthalmologist and president of the New American Communities in the Burlington area, will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of Vermont Catholic Professionals. Learn more or register at vermontcatholic.org/vcp



08|07 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.



08|13, 14, 15 FRI, SAT, SUN
Retreat on The Book of Revelation

Our Lady of Ephesus House, Jamaica

Fr. Dominique Faure, chaplain of Catholic Discipleship College in the diocese of Auckland, New Zealand, will lead a retreat on the book of Revelation. Learn more at Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer, ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org, or call (802) 896-6000.



08|15 SUNDAY
Prayer Day on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte • 10:30 am - 2 pm

The day begins with the Shrine's Mass at 10:30 AM, followed by the Rosary, and a procession to the golden statue of Mary. Please bring your own lunch for picnic and enjoy the beach.



09|25 SATURDAY
Vermont Catholic Daughters of America Retreat

Our Lady of Angels, Randolph

9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Deacon Gesualdo Schneider will lead the retreat, open to all women aged 18 and over. This event is free and includes lunch. There will be an opportunity for a goodwill donation to support the Knights of Columbus's planned purchase of an ultrasound machine. Registration information will be available soon.

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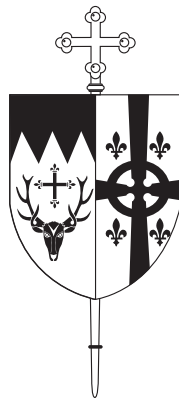
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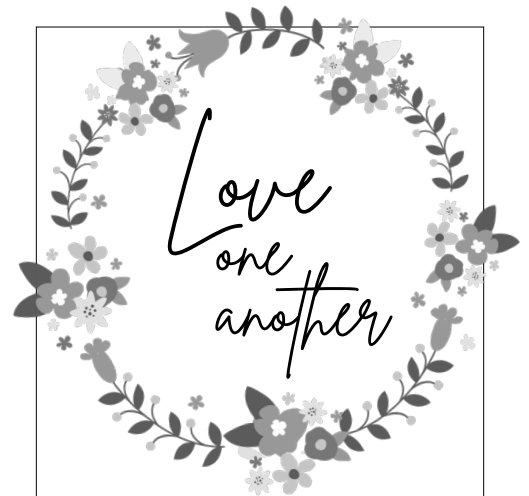


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June 30, 2021: \$744,342



JULY 11-17, 2021

**CHALLENGES TO GROW
YOUR MARRIAGE**

TWO-BY-TWO

Invite a friend over this week to join you for a meal, dessert, or a game night. Just as Jesus sent his disciples two by two, share your friendship with others.

vermontcatholic.org/marriagechallenge