

NEWS FROM The Inland See

September 11–17, 2021

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



A Challenge to Vermont Catholics: Stop Proposal 5

Vermont Catholics have grown weary of divisive politics, particularly the politics around our state's abortion laws. Tragically, Vermont law currently allows abortion through all nine months of pregnancy (Act 47), and there is little hope for change as long as the current legislative supermajority remains in place. Meanwhile, Catholics, along with all those in the pro-life community, continue to focus on providing hope, support and alternatives to abortion and strive to change hearts and minds, always keeping in mind that statutes can be amended and repealed.

More difficult to change is the State Constitution, however. The Vermont Legislature is moving forward with an amendment that, if passed, promises to enshrine unlimited, unregulated abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy in our state's founding document. Proposal 5, also known as Article 22, would permanently block any

attempt to protect the unborn — even those who can survive outside the womb. It is expected to reach the final phase of the approval process in time to be put before the voters in November 2022.

This is a battle we can't ignore and a critical crossroads for Catholics to engage our commitment to protect the dignity of all human life, particularly the most vulnerable. Between now and November 2022, a coalition of organizations and faith communities will be collaborating to help voters understand why Proposal 5 must be defeated.

The campaign against Proposal 5 will kick off with a groundbreaking Life Symposium Oct. 2 in Burlington. Sponsored by the Vermont Right to Life Committee Educational Trust Fund, the day-long event will explore how the lives of the unborn, the rights of families and children and conscience rights for medical providers will be threatened if this amendment makes its way into the

Vermont Constitution.

There has never in recent memory been an opportunity to hear so many heavyweights of the pro-life community speak here in Vermont, including:

- + **Helen Alvare**, a nationally known legal expert and law professor and founder of Women Speak for Themselves, will give the keynote address on "The Case Against Proposal 5."
- + **Catherine Glenn Foster**, president of Americans United for Life, will offer a workshop on how health care workers can protect their consciences and their jobs.
- + **Maureen Curley**, a psychiatric nurse practitioner, will talk about the impact of abortion on women.
- + **Melissa Ohden** will give the lunch-time address, "Abortion Survivors: Not a Myth."
- + **Savannah Dudzik** of Illinois Right to Life will offer a youth-focused workshop aimed at encouraging and equipping young people to be effective pro-life advocates.

It will take every one of us to defeat Proposal 5, so even if you have grown weary of divisive politics, prepare to engage in this most important effort to stop Proposal 5 from becoming a permanent blot on our Constitution.

Learn more about Proposal 5 and the Life Symposium at vrlc.net There are scholarships available for students and young adults.

— *Carrie Handy is a member of the Life Symposium Planning Committee and a member of Immaculate Conception Parish in St. Albans.*

JOIN US FOR THE
LIFE SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, October 2, 2021
Burlington, VT

Learn more at: VRLC.NET

Upcoming Events



09|19 SUNDAY Outdoor Mass for Catechetical Sunday

Holy Family Church, Essex Jct. • 11am

Blessings on all as we begin a new religious education year.



09|15, 21, 10|13, 27, 11|10 WED Living Joy Discussion Group

Online • 7 pm

Join us for Chris Stefanick's Living Joy: 9

Rules to Help You Rediscover and Live Joy Every Day. This virtual event explores one rule every other week. Offered by members of the Diocesan Evangelization Committee. Contact pturnley@aol.com for more information.



09|18, 10|09 SATURDAYS National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Babies

All Saints Cemetery, Richford • 9 am

Join us for a prayer service with scripture reading, hymns, and recitation of the Holy Rosary.



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 us in a retreat as we spend a day with "Jesus' Family." This event is free, will include lunch, and is open to all women aged 18 and over. There will be an opportunity for a goodwill donation to support the K of C's purchase of an ultrasound machine for a mobile clinic in the Burlington area. Registration is required. Registration is open to all women 18 years of age and older. Please email: Deb, dgbrown264@gmail.com by Sept. 17.



10|02 SATURDAY A Life Symposium

Doubletree, Burlington • 8 am - 3 pm

This day-long conference focuses on issues related to Proposal 5, a dangerous amendment aimed at enshrining the right to abortion in Vermont's Constitution. FORE MORE INFO: vrlc.net.



10|09 SATURDAY Ordination Mass

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 10 am

The Diocese of Burlington joyfully celebrates the ordination of two men to the diaconate. Mr. Michael Knowles will be ordained to the permanent diaconate and Mr. Brandon Schneider will be ordained to the transitional diaconate. This event is open for all who wish to attend. For

those unable to be with us physically for the liturgy, the Mass will be live-streamed on the Diocesan website. A light reception will follow in the parish hall.



10|10 SUNDAY Evening Honoring the Life and Teachings of St. John Henry Newman

Holy Family Church Hall, Essex Junction • 4 - 8 pm

Fr. Kevin Chalifoux and Fr. Matthew Rensch cordially invite you to celebrate the life and teachings of Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman. The evening will include Solemn Vespers, dinner and dessert, and two presentations on the life and thought of Cardinal Newman. \$10 per person/\$15 for two/\$5 for each additional guest.

RSVP by October 3 to: VermontNewman@gmail.com



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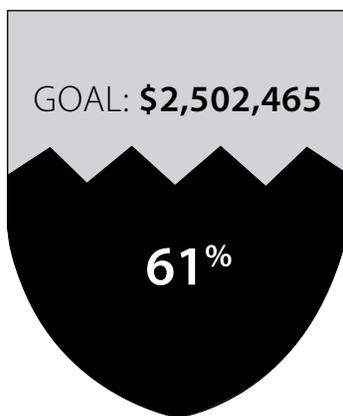


SEPTEMBER 12 – 18, 2021

CHALLENGES TO GROW YOUR MARRIAGE

How would you describe your spouse to someone else? In a note or letter this week, write a letter of introduction for your spouse to one of your relatives (that he/she has never met — alive or deceased). Be sure to include positive attributes and then share this with each other.

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As of Sept. 1, 2021: \$1,516,909

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