

# NEWS FROM The Inland See

May 31 – June 6, 2025

FOR THE DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON



## VERMONT JUBILEE OF HOPE CONVOCATION

**July 17, Brattleboro • July 18, Barre • July 19, Newport**

All are invited to join us for the 2025 Diocesan Convocation to be held on July 17, 18, and 19 throughout the Diocese of Burlington. The convocation this year takes as its theme the Jubilee Year of Hope.

The word “convocation” comes from a Latin word that means “to come together” — particularly, for a special purpose. It is an opportunity for Catholics around the diocese to come together, beyond parish borders, for a time of prayer, formation, and fellowship. Our diocese often hosts half-day or one-day gatherings for various groups of people, but this expanded opportunity allows any Catholic — no matter how they are involved in their parishes (or how much or how little they are involved) — to participate.

The first evening, Thursday, July 17, will be held at Saint Michael the Archangel Parish in Brattleboro from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The theme of this evening is “Hope and the Sacred Heart: A Balm Amidst Hardship” and features Father Lance Harlow, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in St. Johnsbury, offering the keynote presentation. Whether we are experiencing difficulty of any kind in our own life or are close to those who are, this evening will allow us to draw closer to the love that emanates from the Sacred Heart of Jesus which gives all of us reason to hope. The evening includes a pot-luck dinner and time of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be an opportunity for confessions.

The second evening, Friday, July 18 will take place at St. Monica Parish in Barre from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. This evening features Ms. Rachel Lavalley, a youth minister and teacher in our diocese, who will speak on the theme of becoming Witnesses to Hope through the sharing of our faith stories. All of us are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, and if we take up this Christian call, we become witnesses to

Hope. Hear different witnesses through the generations and be inspired to think about your own faith witness. The evening again features a pot-luck dinner and time of Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, with praise and worship music offered by the young adults of our diocese. Again, there will be an opportunity for confessions.

The final night, Saturday, July 19 will take place at St. Mary, Star of the Sea in Newport on the beautiful shore of Lake Memphremagog. The evening begins with Mass celebrated by Bishop McDermott at 4:00 p.m., followed by an outdoor dinner, and a presentation from Monsignor Richard Lavalley, Pastor Emeritus of St. Francis Xavier Parish in Winooski, on Mary as Model and Source of Hope. Mass this evening will include the celebration of the Anointing of the Sick. The evening concludes with a Rosary commending the Diocese of Burlington to Mary, Mother of Divine Hope.

In the Jubilee Year of Hope, the late Pope Francis called each of us to become agents of hope. With that call in mind, each evening will feature a simple charitable activity you can partake in: donating food items for the St. Brigid’s Kitchen food pantry in Brattleboro, donating school supplies for use at St. Monica-St. Michael School in Barre, and writing greeting cards for those in our Vermont Catholic Charities residential care homes or cards of support for clients at pregnancy centers throughout Vermont.

We hope you can join us for one, two, or all three nights. For more information or to register for any of the nights, please scan the QR code, [visitvermontcatholic.org/convocation](http://visitvermontcatholic.org/convocation), or pick up a brochure in the back of your church.

— *Josh Perry is the director of worship  
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# Upcoming Events



06|04 – 06|25 WEDNESDAYS  
**Series: What Would Jesus Do?**  
*Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Richmond • 6:30 pm*  
 Join Deacon Josh McDonald in exploring the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching and how they can apply to the issues, challenges, and difficulties of our world today. Meets in the rectory of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.



06|05, 07, 13, 14  
**Bishop Listening Sessions**  
 Bishop McDermott will be holding 4 listening sessions around the Diocese this June:

06|05 St. John Vianney, S. Burlington, 6:30 pm  
 06|07 Most Holy Name of Jesus, Morrisville, 10:30 am  
 06|13 Christ the King, Rutland, 6:30 pm  
 06|14 St. Anthony, White River Junction, 10:30 am

This will be an opportunity, in a Synodal spirit, to engage with the Bishop, offer constructive suggestions, and together prayerfully look to the future.



06|06, 13, 20, 27 FRIDAYS  
**Alpha Film Series**  
*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 6:15 – 8:30 pm*  
 Alpha is a series of interactive sessions to discuss life and faith in an informal, fun, and friendly environment. Guests are encouraged to participate in a small group discussion and share their views on the topic.



07|11 SATURDAY  
**First Saturday Mass**  
*Our Lady of Seven Dolors, Fair Haven • 7:30 am*  
 Rosary at 7:30 am, Mass at 8 am.



07|11 SATURDAY  
**First Saturday Mass**  
*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am*  
 Every first Saturday starting with Confessions and the Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass at 8:30 am.



06|11 WEDNESDAY  
**Grief Ministry and Support**  
*All Saints, Richford • 6 pm*  
 Coordinated by Deacon Armand Auclair.



06|13, 07|11 FRIDAYS  
**Essex Community Dinner**  
*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 5:30 – 7 pm*  
 Intended to feed the lonely and needy among us, these meals are free to all but donations are appreciated to cover parish expenses. Take-out dinners available at 6 pm.



06|13, 07|11 FRIDAYS  
**Joy of Marriage Date Night**  
*St. John the Baptist, Enosburg Falls • 6 – 8 pm*  
 These events are for married and engaged couples, featuring fellowship and presentations. Register by emailing: [aaclair@vermontcatholic.org](mailto:aaclair@vermontcatholic.org).



06|14 SATURDAY  
**Knights of Columbus Bingo**  
*All Saints, Richford • 11:30 am – 3 pm*  
 Bingo will be held in the parish hall, doors

open at 11:30 am and the games will begin at 1 pm. There will be no Bingo in July and August, but will resume in September. Homemade lunch, desserts, and beverages will be offered. Pull tickets will be available!



06|14, 07|12 SATURDAYS  
**St. Padre Pio Prayer Group**  
*Holy Family, Essex Junction • 8 am*  
 The Padre Pio group meets the second Saturday of each month. We begin with the Rosary at 8 am followed by Mass at 8:30 am.



06|15 SUNDAY  
**Bereavement Ministry**  
*St. John the Evangelist, St. Johnsbury • 1 pm*  
 Meets on the third Sunday of every month.



06|21 SATURDAY  
**Corpus Christi Parish Golf Tournament**  
*Newark, VT • 9 am – 2 pm*  
 Tee off for a great cause! Registration begins at 8 am, shot gun start at 9 am. Lunch provided and gifts for everyone. \$25 per person, \$100 per team. 9 holes — walking only. All levels of golfers are invited. Make it a family outing and register your whole family to play! Deadline to register is June 14. Held at Grandad's Invitational Golf Course in Newark, a family-friendly par 3 golf course. **FOR MORE INFO** call Chase or Paige at (920) 323-5551 or email [cplindholm@gmail.com](mailto:cplindholm@gmail.com).



06|21 SATURDAY  
**Cor Formation**  
*St. John Vianney, S. Burlington • 10 – 11 am*  
 Cor Formation for men is held on every third Saturday in the church basement. This is an opportunity for men to grow closer to Jesus' through prayer, formation, and fraternity. Coffee and donuts are provided.



06|21 SATURDAY  
**Respect Life Mass**  
*St. Augustine, Montpelier • 10:30 am*  
 Join us for the Respect Life Mass, celebrated by Bishop McDermott. Immediately afterward, Mass attendees are encouraged to attend Vermont Right to Life's BIRTHday Picnic, which is being held directly after (see below).



06|21 SATURDAY  
**3rd Annual BIRTHday Picnic**  
*Vermont State House, Montpelier • 11:30 am*  
 Vermont Right to Life is holding its 3rd Annual BIRTHday on the State House grounds. This event is in celebration of the 3rd anniversary of the Dobbs decision, which overturned Roe v. Wade. The event will feature speakers, music, hotdogs, BIRTHday cake for all, and ice cream. This is a family friendly event so do plan to bring your children, students, and friends. All are welcome!



06|27 FRIDAY  
**WorldPriest Rosary Relay**  
*Cathedral of St. Joseph, Burlington • 11:30 am*  
 The Diocese of Burlington is participating in the annual WorldPriest Rosary Relay for the 5th year.

Bishop McDermott will lead the Sorrowful Mysteries for the sanctification of priests. We are just one of many locations from around the world who are participating in this event! Open to all to attend in person at the Cathedral, or watch on EWTN or the diocesan livestream: [vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass](http://vermontcatholic.org/news/communication/tv-mass).

07|20 SUNDAY



**Diocesan Family Day Mass**  
*St. Anne's Shrine, Isle LaMotte • 12:15 pm*  
 Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 pm, and a barbecue will follow. The Shrine will be providing a free-will-donation barbecue after the Family Day Mass as in the past. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnic as well as lawn chairs and lawn games. Contact St. Anne's Shrine at [sas@sse.org](mailto:sas@sse.org) or 802-928-3362 with questions or to RSVP by July 3.



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## Jubilee Year Pilgrimages led by diocesan clergy

**Jubilee Year Pilgrimage  
 to the Shrines of Italy**  
*October 6–15, 2025*

Led by Fr. James Dodson. Learn more at: [www.206.tours.com/frdodson](http://www.206.tours.com/frdodson).

**Pilgrimage to Italy**  
*November 5–15, 2025*

Led by Msgr. Peter Routhier.  
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