New Student Apple Picking for First Year Students: Saturday, August 31st. Sign up on the MOVE bulletin board (space is limited).

September 4th: M.O.V.E. and Wilderness Open House, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Library Lawn.

September 25th and 26th: Extended Service Informational Meetings (Domestic & International); 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Chapel.

September 20th and 21st: Silent Auction. As part of Homecoming’s celebration of M.O.V.E.’s 25th anniversary; join us Friday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Alliot Lobby. Items for donation are appreciated; please call the M.O.V.E. office at 654-2674.

October 5th: Fall Serv-a-Thon. Volunteer opportunities at various sites. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with lunch provided. Sign up on the M.O.V.E. Bulletin Board.

October 8th: Mark J. Fizulich ’97 Annual Red Cross Blood Drive, 12:00 to 5:30 p.m., Tarrant Center. Sign up in M.O.V.E. or call 654.2674 for more information.

Sign Up for JustFaith!
For the 5th year, Holy Family/St. Lawrence & St. Pius parishes are sponsoring JustFaith, an adult formation program that explores the social justice tradition of the Catholic Church. Beginning in late September, parishioners will meet weekly (TBA), and through prayer, readings, videos, conversations, and face-to-face encounters with the poor, discover their personal responsibilities to those living on the margins. One of the greatest gifts that results for those that complete the program is a strong sense of Christian community forged among the participants - all of our previous are still praying and collaborating together! Be in touch with John McMahon by Sept. 1 to sign up: John.McMahon@hfsflyr.org or 878-5331.

A New Student’s Prayer

Loving Father,
I stand before You in the midst of confusion and complexities of life.
My future sometimes seems distant and unknown.
Give me, O Lord, the vision to see the path You set before me.
Grant me the courage to follow Your way, that through the gifts and talents You have given me, I may bring Your life and Your love to others. I ask this through Jesus, Your Son and my Brother.
Amen

Edmundite Campus Ministry Events

Training for Liturgical Ministers: If you would like to be a Lector, a Eucharistic Minister, or an Altar Server, please contact the Office of Edmundite Campus Ministry at 654.2333 or sign-up on sheets found in the Chapel lobby. Training for new liturgical ministers is mandatory. Training dates are as follows: Altar Server Training: Monday, September 16th, 5:00 p.m.; Lector Training: Tuesday, September 17th, 4:30 p.m.; Eucharistic Minister Training: Tuesday, September 24th, 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. All training will take place in the Chapel.

LOW (Liturgy of the Word) Lunch: An opportunity to reflect and discuss the Scripture readings for each Sunday. We meet in the Campus Ministry office (Alliot Hall, Rm. 132) at 12:00 noon on Fridays. Please contact Jerome Monachino at 654.2254 for more information.
Edmundite Campus Ministry Events (Continued)

The Liturgical Choir includes students and adult members of the Worshipping Community. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. To join, call Jerome Monachino at 654.2254.

Friends and Families of Faith Program: This program provides a chance for students and permanent community members to get to know one another, share a meal or activity, and build relationships. Our permanent community members offer students the opportunity to enjoy a home environment while they are away from their families. Please pick up an application at the entrances of the Chapel or contact Anna Lester at 654.2897.

Bishop’s Fund—September 22nd: A second collection will be taken after Communion to support Diocesan programs through the Bishop’s Fund. Envelopes will be available at each entrance of the Chapel.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the Church’s program to welcome new members into the Catholic Church (via the sacrament of Baptism) or to complete other Sacraments of Initiation for those adult Catholics who have not received them. Weekly Sessions begin Wednesday evening, September 25th, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., at St. Lawrence Rectory in Essex Junction. Contact John McMahon at 878-5331 for more information.

You are cordially invited to participate in this year’s Gifts for the Kingdom on September 28th at the Hilton Hotel in Burlington. Keynote Speaker: The Most Rev. Glen John Provost, D.D., Diocese of Lake Charles, LA. This conference offers any adult with “an irresistible and holy desire” the opportunity to spend a day embracing the richness of our Catholic faith. Cost is $15 including lunch. To register, see www.vermontcatholic.org or call 802.658.6110.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married couples, let your Catholic faith strengthen your sacrament. Looking for a way to let your spouse know you love them in the midst of your jobs, and trying to keep up with your house and yard? Tell him or her they’re still #1 in your life... share a Marriage Encounter Weekend with each other. Please contact Dave & Jennie Erkson at erksonmervt@comcast.net or by phone at 800.434.4218 for information. www.wmme.org.

Facility & Staff Programs

Partners in Ministry will discuss Stepping Stones to Other Religions by Irish theologian, Dermot Lane, focusing on Lane’s question, Is the Holy Spirit common ground for dialogue with other religions? Our first meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Stained Glass Room (Alliot Hall). Bring a snack to share if you can. Contact Stephanie Noakes at 871-9322 or at snoakes@smcvt.edu.

Pontigny Society: We will be reading The Book of Job by Stephen Mitchell for the fall semester. This text explores the existence of both God and human suffering in the world. Sessions begin at 12:00 noon on Monday, September 16th and are held in the Upper Room of the Chapel; a lunch will be served. RSVP required. All faculty and staff are welcome. Please RSVP to Anna Lester at 654.2897.

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Connections: Come join us for weekly small faith-based discussion with an emphasis on Scripture and reflections on your faith life in college. Dates and time to be announced. Alliot 125 (Anna Lester’s office).

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Retreat Opportunities

EMMAUS - October 4 - 6, 2013
This is a weekend retreat which provides an opportunity for participants to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and to share their faith with others. Candidates are invited to become aware of God in their everyday lives by recognizing the Lord’s presence in others and in daily experience. The retreat uses a combination of guided meditations, private reflection time, and group sharing on Scripture.

LEAP - November 1 - 3, 2013
This is a program of spiritual formation and renewal sponsored by the Office of Edmundite Campus Ministry. The retreat begins Friday afternoon and ends by Sunday afternoon. LEAP is a unique, communal and deeply personal experience which builds upon talks, activities and group dynamics. The weekend includes a series of presentations that explores the meaning of commitment, peace, prayer and faith in one’s life. It is an opportunity to deepen one’s understanding of self and others within the context of a believing Christian Community centered around the Eucharist.

Both retreats will take place at St. Anne’s Shrine in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information about either retreat, contact Jason Moore in Edmundite Campus Ministry at 654.2386.

Applications will be available in the brochure racks outside the Edmundite Campus Ministry office.