

Message from Fr. Brian Cummings, S.S.E.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Each November, beginning with the solemnity of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls, the Church remembers in a special way all the faithful who have died. It is part of our tradition that we pray for those who have gone before us. We also pray to our deceased loved ones that they may intercede to God on our behalf.

In our Masses during the month of November, the Edmundite Community will remember all the deceased members and loved ones of the Saint Michael's College Community. At each liturgy there will be a special petition in the Prayer of the Faithful asking God to grant eternal life to our loved ones who have died. We pray with hope that they will share in Christ's resurrection, believing that in death life is not ended, but changed. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones and friends in our Book of Life located in the Chapel lobby.

November is also a time for us as a nation to give thanks to God for His abundant blessings upon us and our country. As we give thanks to God, we are reminded of the social ills plaguing our society. It seems that every time we look at the news we see nothing but wars and death, starvation and poverty, and the loss of innocent life. We know too well that our own community is not immune to such tragedy and despair. Sometimes the reported news can be depressing and paralyzing. I sometimes feel a sense of powerlessness over it all and wonder if our society will ever improve and reflect the Kingdom of God as revealed in the teachings of Jesus.

One way we can make a small difference is helping those in our midst who struggle each day to put food on the family table in this difficult economy. **SMC Operation Food Shelf** is our way of trying to make a difference in a world that can be cruel to the less fortunate among us. Edmundite Campus Ministry has been raising funds each holiday season to help our closest neighbors provide basic nutrition and nourishment for their struggling families.

Envelopes are in the brochure racks at each entrance of the Chapel and I ask you to please be generous. Let us resist the sense of powerlessness and believe that we can make a difference in peoples' lives by helping those who need food. We can help by making a donation so that the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf has the resources to provide food to those in need. Please make checks payable to "**SMC Operation Food Shelf**" and mail your donation in the pre-addressed envelope. Thank you for your generosity. God bless you! Gratefully yours,

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CHAPEL OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

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Edmundite Campus Ministry Events

MASSES
Sunday
 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Mondays
 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday-Friday
 11:30 a.m.



MORNING PRAYER
 Monday-Friday
 7:40 a.m.

MASS IN SPANISH
 Monday, November 5th;
 7:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION
 Sunday, November 25th
 Offered after each Mass
or by appointment any time

Please write the names of your loved ones in our **Book of Life** found in the front vestibule of the Chapel. The names will be remembered by our community throughout November.

Solemnity of All Saints: Masses at 11:30 am and 4:30 pm on Thursday, November 1st. **Holy Day of Obligation.**

Mass for the Remembrance of All Souls: 11:30 am on Friday, November 2nd.

Feast of Saint Edmund: There will be a lunch presentation by Professor Terryl N. Kinder, Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts, 12:00 noon, **Friday, November 16th, 2nd Floor, Alliot Hall.** Please respond to 654-2211 or officeofthepresident@smcvt.edu if you would like to attend. Eucharistic Celebration will be at 4:30 pm in the Chapel.

Edmundite Campus Ministry Events *(Continued)*

Taizé Prayer: The Taizé Community is an ecumenical monastic community committed to work ecumenically at furthering peace within the human family by engendering reconciliation and healing of divisions among Christians. A candlelit service lasting about an hour includes quiet chant from both within and outside the Taizé Community, readings from Scripture, sung and spoken prayer, and periods of meditative silence as we pray around the cross. **Thursday, November 8th**, 8:00 to 9:00 pm in the back altar space of 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 11:45 am on Fridays. Please contact Jerome Monachino at 654.2254 for more information.

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

Faculty & Staff Programs

Pontigny Society: We will continue reading *Keys to the Council: Unlocking the Teaching of Vatican II* by R.R. Gaillardetz/C.E. Clifford for the fall semester. Our last session this semester will be held at 12:00 noon on **Monday, Nov. 12th** in the Upper Room of the Chapel; a luncheon will be served. RSVP is required. All faculty and staff are welcome. Please RSVP to Anna Lester at 654.2897.

Worshipping Community Program

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Items to complete a Thanksgiving meal (i.e., canned vegetables, potatoes/sweet potatoes/stuffing, canned gravy) will be **collected on Sunday, November 11th**. These will be donated to the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf in time for Thanksgiving. Boxes will be available at the front of the Chapel on October 28th and November 4th.

November 10th: Saint Michael's College presents Five VT College Choruses combining forces to sing one of the greatest major choral works in the repertory, *Gabriel Faure's* serene and moving *Requiem Mass*, composed in 1890. Teaming up are the Castleton State College Chorale, Johnson State College Chamber Singers, Middlebury College Choir, Saint Michael's College Chorale, and the University of Vermont Concert Choir. Soprano Suzanne Kantorski-Merrill and David Neiweem, doing double duty as baritone soloist, will join the choruses, along with an orchestra of VT professional instrumentalists. **8:00 pm in the Chapel.**

November 30th: Saint Michael's College presents "**Lessons and Carols**," the annual festive ceremony of music and scripture by the Saint Michael's College Chorale, directed by Professor Nathaniel Lew of the Fine Arts Department. Interspersed with the chorale selections, the congregation will sing favorite carols and Christmas carols. The performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel. All are welcome.



VITA is a group of students who are committed to ministering to other students through practicing our faith and leading many of the liturgical, retreat, and service programs. Student-led programs include:

Link: A large group that meets weekly and combines discussion, meditation, music and more to help bridge the gap between our college and faith lives. Everyone is welcome to join us! **Wednesdays, November 7th and**

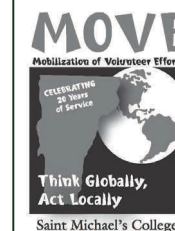
14th, 8:00 pm in the Upper Room, Chapel.

Connections: Come join us for weekly small faith-based discussion with an emphasis on Scripture and reflections on your faith life in college. **Thursdays, November 15th and 29th** in Alliot 125 (Anna Lester's office), 8:00 pm.

Dessert & the Divine: Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! We will gather next on **Wednesday, November 28th at 8:00 pm** in the Upper Room, Chapel. Contact Anna Lester for more information at 654.2897 or alester@smcvt.edu.

Retreat Opportunities

Busy Student Retreat: Your busy academic schedule can gently wrap around prayer, God and quiet time with this on-campus, directed retreat. It's an individualized program that complements your spiritual journey and fits into your "planner." Every day during the week, you schedule a half hour of one-on-one direction with a spiritual companion, and then choose from other spiritual activities including daily Eucharist, Reconciliation and evening reflections with the group. This semester's retreat will be from **December 2nd thru December 6th**. **Register by November 16th**. Brochures and applications can be found in the Chapel and outside the Edmundite Campus Ministry Office. For more information, contact Jason Moore at 654.2386.



November 11th-16th: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Join us for a vigil on Thursday, November 15th at 8:30 pm and watch for this year's schedule of speakers, volunteer activities, and a chance to sleep in the Shack! Details coming soon on the MOVE bulletin board.



December 3rd-7th: International Market: Items from last year's service trips will be sold. Please help support our International programs by purchasing holiday gifts from around the world. Alliot Hall, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Donations for the trips are welcome; please contact Heidi St. Peter at 654.2674.