

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. Edmundite Campus Ministry has been assisting the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf for the past several years each holiday season to help provide basic nutrition and nourishment for struggling families. We are asking members of our Worshipping Community to provide financial assistance directly to the Food Shelf to help alleviate hunger in our community.

Envelopes will be available at each entrance of the Chapel beginning November 10th. Donations may be mailed directly to their headquarters (228 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401). I ask you to please be generous as times continue to be difficult in our surrounding communities. Let us resist the sense of powerlessness and believe that we can make a difference in people's lives by helping those who need food. The Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf has the resources to provide food to those in need. Please make checks payable to "Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf". Thank you for your generosity. God bless you!

Sincerely,

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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.

SPANISH MASS
 Monday, November 4th
 7:30 p.m.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS
 Thursday, November 28th
 10:00 a.m.

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

RECONCILIATION
 Sunday, December 1st
 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.

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.

Bereavement, Grief and Loss.... Let the Conversation Begin: Join us as we begin to talk about our experiences. This one-hour conversation will explore ways to deal with our feelings of sadness, confusion, fatigue; strategies for helping to keep ourselves healthy and focused; learning how to ask for what we need from others; and how to anticipate and prepare for

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important dates, such as birthdays, anniversaries, and holidays. Our conversation will be interactive and informal. We welcome people who are currently struggling with grief issues, as well as those who are friends, colleagues, or in positions of authority seeking to help those who are grieving. **Thursday, November 14th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** Stained Glass Room, Alliot Hall.

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.



Faculty & 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 dialog with other religions?* Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 7th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.** in the Vermont Room (2nd Floor, 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 continue reading *The Book of Job* by Stephen Mitchell for the fall semester. Our final session will be held at 12:00 noon on **Monday, November 11th** 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

Birthright of Burlington's Annual Fall Dinner Fundraiser will be held at Holy Cross Parish Hall, Colchester, on **Saturday, November 9th** at 6:30 p.m. (social gathering begins at 6:00 p.m.). Menu will include chicken parmesan casserole and homemade desserts. To reserve your place, call 865-0056 (you may leave a message) or email at birthrightbyvt@gmail.com by November 2nd. Cost is by donation. Birthright's belief that "*It is the right of every pregnant woman to give birth and the right of every child to be born*" inspires us to dedicate ourselves to helping the pregnant woman in crisis to carry her baby to term.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Thanksgiving bags for Joseph's House will be available beginning **Sunday, November 3rd** in the main entrance of the Chapel. There are lists on the front of the bags with the desired contents, some with longer lists and some with shorter lists. **They are due back no later than Sunday, November 17th.** Filled bags may be left in the main entrance before Mass on November 10th or 17th. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Noakes at 802-871-9322 or snoakes@smcvt.edu.

Vermont Collegiate Choral Consortium presents a Mozart Masterwork: Three VT college choruses are combining forces to sing one of the greatest major choral works in the repertory, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's vibrant *Solenn Vespers*, composed in 1780. Teaming up are the Castleton State College Chamber Singers; the Johnson State College Chamber Singers; and the St. Michael's College Chorale. The *Vesperae*

Solennes de Confessore is a setting of six texts from the Book of Psalms and the New Testament. Mozart composed the work at the age of 24 for the cathedral choir in his hometown of Salzburg. The Mozart performances will mark the third collaboration among Vermont collegiate choral programs, following exciting performances of Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms* in 2010 and Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* in 2012. The 70 singers of the combined ensembles will perform on **Saturday, November 23rd, 7:00 p.m.** at the Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel. Admission is free, but donations will be appreciated. Information is available by calling (802) 654-2284.

Lessons & Carols: Wednesday, December 11th, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel. Details to follow in December bulletin.

WorldWide Marriage Encounter - Anniversary Weekend: Open to married couples and priests who have already attended a retreat. **December 6th thru 8th, 2013** at St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte, VT. Please contact Dave & Jennie Erkson at erksonmevt@comcast.net or at 800.434.4218 for further information.

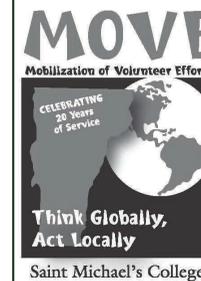


VITA is a group of students who are committed to ministering to other students through practicing our faith and leading many of the liturgical, retreat, and service programs. Student-led programs include:

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. **Wednesdays, November 6th and 13th 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in the Upper Room of the 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 7th, 14th, 21st, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m.** in Alliot 125 (Anna Lester's office).

Dessert & the Divine: Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! We will gather next on **Wednesday, November 20th** at 8:00 p.m. in the Upper Room of the Chapel.



November 17th thru 21st: Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Join us for a vigil on Thursday, November 21st 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 thru 6th: 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 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Donations for the trips are welcome; please contact Heidi St. Peter at 654.2674.