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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. Donations may be mailed directly to their headquarters (228 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, VT 05401). Please give generously. Thank you and God bless you!



November 2015



CHAPEL OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Edmundite Campus Ministry Events

MASSES

Sunday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Mondays

4:30 pm

Tuesday-Friday

11:30 am



MORNING PRAYER

Monday-Friday

7:40 am

MASS IN SPANISH

Monday, November 9th;

7:30 pm

THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Sunday, November 29th
offered after both Masses
or by appointment any time

Please write the names of your deceased loved ones in our **Book of Life** found in the front vestibule of the Chapel. All our beloved deceased will be remembered in our liturgies in a special way throughout November.

Mass for the Remembrance of All Souls: Monday, November 2nd at 4:30 p.m.

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 at 12:00 noon on Fridays. Contact Jerome Monachino at 654.2254 for more information.

On **November 7th, 2015** from 8 am to 5 pm at St. Monica Church in Barre, VT - Catholics from all over New England will be gathering for the **9th Annual VT Catholic Conference to celebrate - "Joy of the Good**

News." - a call by our new bishop - Christopher Coyne, Bishop of Burlington, to show VT Catholics that we should exude Joy to the world in our faith. Our Keynote Speaker is **Fr. William (Bill) Kiel**, returning to us again this year from Pennsylvania. He will present on topics of **"Joy of Mary the First Christian"** and **"I am a Sinner."** This year's conference will also include general session presentations on **"Crisis in the Middle East"** and **"Joy of the Parish"** as well as workshops on **"Sainthood - Our Ultimate Joy"**, **"Touched by an Angel"** and a **"Life in the Spirit Seminar."**

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Thanksgiving bags for families in need will be available beginning **Sunday, November 8th** in the main entrance of the Chapel. There are lists on the front of the bags with the desired contents, some with longer

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lists and some with shorter lists. **They are due back no later than Sunday, November 22nd.** Filled bags may be left in the main entrance before Mass on November 15th. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Noakes at 881-5131 or snoakes@smcvt.edu.

On **Saturday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m., Concerned Catholics of Vermont (CCOVT)** will sponsor a **discussion of the Synod of the Family** that will conclude in Rome on October 25. Everyone is invited to attend. Sign-in begins at 12:30 pm in St. Edmund's Hall, St. Michael's College, followed by discussion from 1:00-3:30 pm, with concluding Eucharist at 4:00 pm in the St. Michael's Chapel. Anyone planning to attend should please confirm by email to gmcatheolics@gmail.com. Further information about CCOVT can be found at www.gmcatheolics.org.

4th Annual VT Catholic Women's Retreat: *"HIS MERCY AND LOVE: Living God's Mercy and Love in our Families and the World Around Us"* Come and join Catholic women of all ages as we celebrate the gift of our faith, develop a greater understanding of God's everlasting Mercy, and ultimately deepen our relationship with Christ! We are pleased to welcome our guests and presenters, The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal. **Saturday, November 21, 2015. 8:30 am. Opening Mass – 4:00 pm** at Holy Family – St. Lawrence Parish Center, 36 Lincoln St., Essex Junction, VT; Registration Fee: \$30.00.

One in Christ Weekend for engaged couples. sponsored by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington is open to any couple preparing for marriage in the Catholic Church. Through

presentations by trained married couples and a Catholic priest, each couple is invited to deepen their faith and to better understand the Christ-centered nature of Sacramental marriage. The cost for each couple for the entire weekend is \$200; this includes separate overnight accommodations for men and women at the beautiful St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte. **April 29—May 1, 2016.** Contact Lori Daudelin at 802.658.6110 for more information or email at catholicformation@vermontcatholic.org.

Faculty & Staff Programs

Pontigny Society: We will continue with reading *The Living Flame of Love* by St. John of the Cross. Our next session is at **12:00 pm, Monday, November 9th**, in the VT Room, Alliot Hall; lunch served. RSVP is required. All faculty and staff are welcome. Please RSVP to Fr. Marcel Rainville, SSE at 654.2848.

Partners in Ministry: Thursday, November 5th; 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the VT Room, Alliot Hall. We will continue reading *Reflections on the Psalms* by CS Lewis and *Do You Love Me?: Jesus Questions the Church* by Michael Crosby. Pot luck/snacks are appreciated. Contact Stephanie Noakes, snoakes@smcvt.edu; 881-5131. All are welcome!

PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

Father, All-Powerful and ever-living God, today we rejoice in the holy men and women of every time and place. May their prayers bring us your forgiveness and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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:

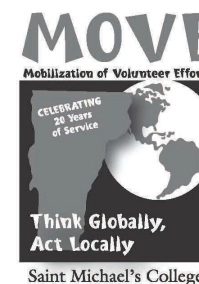
Link: A large group that meets weekly and combines discussion, meditation, music and more to help bridge the gap between our college and faith lives. Everyone is welcome to join us! **Wednesdays, November 4th, 11th, and 18th, & December 9th; 8:00 to 9:00 pm** in the Upper Room of the Chapel.

Dessert & the Divine: Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! **Wednesday, December 2nd; 8:00 pm** in the Upper Room, Chapel. Please contact Anna Lester for more information at 654.2897 or alester@smcvt.edu.

Connections: Come join us for weekly small faith-based discussion with an emphasis on Scripture and reflections on your faith life in college. Contact Anna Lester for more information on dates/time. 654.2897 or alester@smcvt.edu.

Retreat Opportunities

Busy Student Retreat: This is a free, on campus, guided retreat, designed to fit into every student's schedule. During the course of the week, you are invited to schedule a half hour of prayer or quiet time on your own each day using the prayer booklets we provide for you and schedule up to a half hour of one-on-one spiritual direction with a spiritual director each day. We also welcome you to participate in the daily liturgies and prayer opportunities offered by Campus Ministry. Begins Sunday, November 15th thru Thursday, November 19th.



Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week: November 14th thru 21st: Join us for a number of educational, informative, and reflective events throughout the week including a Hunger Banquet, film and discussion, and shack-a-thon. Please look for full event details on the MOVE bulletin board and on the St. Michael's College portal.

International Market: December 9th thru 12th: Please help support our International programs by purchasing holiday gifts from around the world. Alliot Hall, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Donations for the trips are welcome; please contact Lara Scott at 654.2674.

