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

Dear Students,

The beginning of a school year has a unique energy and excitement which hopefully motivates us all to meet new people and experience new endeavors. This sense of beginning is especially present with our new students who may also be a little bit anxious as you settle into your new home. We welcome you, our new students, to our community and hope your transition to our campus is enjoyable.

You returning students bring a great deal of enthusiasm and desire to celebrate Saint Michael's and reunite with many friends. It is nice to have you back home and I pray this year will be blessed, especially for our Seniors who look towards graduation.

I would like to encourage you all to consider getting involved in some of our Edmundite Campus Ministry activities. We always welcome students to take an active part in our daily and Sunday liturgies. Training sessions are listed in this bulletin and you can sign up after Sunday Mass.

I also want to encourage you to visit our Chapel often. Our Chapel is a quiet place to reflect on your life's direction and ask God for help in times of difficulty. Even if all is going well, it is good to stop in the Chapel and say a prayer of thanksgiving.

The Edmundite Campus Ministry staff will be praying for you this semester. Please pray for us too! We look forward to a semester filled with learning and growing in God's love.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Fr. Brian J. Cummings, S.S.E. '86  
Director of Edmundite Campus Ministry



September 2016



**CHAPEL OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

**Edmundite Campus Ministry Events**

**MASSES  
Sunday**

11:00 a.m. & 7:00 pm

**Mondays**

11:30 am & 4:30 pm

**Tuesday-Friday**

11:30 am



**MORNING PRAYER**

Monday-Friday  
7:40 am

**MASS IN SPANISH**

Monday, September 12th;  
7:30 pm

**FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL**

Thursday, September 29th;  
4:00 pm

**RECONCILIATION**

Sunday, September 18th  
Offered after each Mass  
*or by appointment any time*

**Training for Liturgical Ministers:**

If you would like to be a Lector, a Eucharistic Minister, or an Altar Server, please contact Edmundite Campus Ministry 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 12th,** 5:00 pm;
- Lector Training: **Tuesday, September 13th,** 4:30 pm;
- Eucharistic Minister Training: **Tuesday, September 20th,** 4:30-6:30 pm.

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 at 12:00 noon on Fridays. 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.

**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. Offering 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:**

On **September 25th**, a second collection will be taken after Communion to support Diocesan programs through the Bishop's Fund. Envelopes provided.

## Edmundite Campus Ministry Events *(Continued)*

**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, September 28th, 6:00—7:30 p.m.** at Holy Family/St. Lawrence Parish Hall, Essex. Contact John McMahan at 878-5331, ext. 202.

**Feast of Saint Michael: Thursday, September 29th:** Join us for Mass at 4:00 pm.



VT Christian Music presents the 6th Annual **VT Christian Rock-toberfest** on **October 15th, 2016**, 7 pm at the North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington. Featuring **Chris August with Jonny Diaz**. This high energy line-up will Rock you good! Perfect for the whole family. Tickets: \$25/each for general admission. See [www.VTChristianMusic.com/rock-toberfest](http://www.VTChristianMusic.com/rock-toberfest).

**WorldWide Marriage Encounter: November 18th—20th at Saint Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte, VT:** "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." No matter how strong the winds, Jesus is there to take our hands and guide our marriage. Restore, renew and rekindle your marriage on the upcoming weekend. To register, contact Gary & Lynn Root at [vtroot@together.net](mailto:vtroot@together.net) or 802-456-8114.

**One in Christ Weekend** for engaged couples. Couples are invited to deepen their faith and to

better understand the Christ-centered nature of Sacramental marriage. **October 21-23, 2016 at St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte.** Contact the Office of Catholic Formation for more information; (802) 658-6110.

### Faculty & Staff Programs

**Pontigny Society:** This semester, we will be reading *The Story of a Soul: The Autobiography of Saint Therese of Lisieux*. Sessions begin at **12:00 pm, Monday, September 19th**, 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. To receive notices, please subscribe to the TPS mailing list on the portal page.

**Partners in Ministry: Thursday, September 8th, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.** (location to be determined). We will be continuing the reading *Reflections on the Psalms* by CS Lewis and *Do You Love Me?: Jesus Questions the Church* by Michael Crosby. Light pot luck/snacks are welcome. Contact Stephanie Noakes, [snoakes@smcvt.edu](mailto:snoakes@smcvt.edu) or 881-5131 All are welcome!

### STUDENT PILGRIMAGE

**Student Pilgrimage to Montreal:** Join us on a pilgrimage to sacred sites and churches in Montreal accompanied by Professor Ray Patterson and members of Edmundite Campus Ministry. October 7th through October 9th. Transportation and accommodations will be provided. **RSVP by September 30.** Contact Anna Lester for application and more information—654.2897.



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, August 31st, September 7th, and 21st; 8:00 to 9:00 pm** in the Upper Room of the Chapel.
- **Dessert & the Divine:** Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! **Wednesday, September 28th; 8:00 pm** in the Upper Room, Chapel. Please contact Anna Lester for more information at 654.2897 or [alester@smcvt.edu](mailto: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. Dates/time TBA. Alliot 125 (Anna Lester's office).

## Retreat Opportunities

**FIRST YEAR RETREAT—September 9-11, 2016:** Open to all First-Year & Transfer Students. This retreat seeks to meet your needs as a first-year or transfer student in a time of transition. Enjoy a weekend of rest, recreation, reflection, prayer and fun, and experience the community that St. Michael's is known for! A non-refundable \$55 fee covers transportation, lodging, and meals. However, scholarship assistance is available - we don't want financial hardship to prohibit anyone from participating in this experience. Please contact Anna Lester, Assistant Director of Edmundite Campus Ministry, at [alester@smcvt.edu](mailto:alester@smcvt.edu) or at 654-2897 if you're interested.

**LEAP - November 4th - 6th, 2016:** 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. Contact Rev. Marcel Rainville at 654.2848.

### M.O.V.E. Activities



- \* **September 3rd. New Student Apple Picking for First Year & Transfer Students 1-4pm.** Sign up on the MOVE bulletin board (*space is limited*).
- \* **September 6th:** M.O.V.E. Open House, 12:00pm to 2:00pm, on the green between Alliot and Dion (rain location inside Alliot lobby).
- \* **September 14th or 15th:** Extended Service Informational Meetings (Domestic & International); 6:00-7:30 pm in the Upper Rm of the Chapel. Choose either night to attend.
- \* **Date TBA:** Fall Serve-a-Thon: Volunteer opportunities. Sign up on the MOVE Bulletin Board.
- \* **October 4th:** Mark J. Fizulich '97 Annual Red Cross Blood Drive (more details coming in the October bulletin).