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!

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Saint Michael’s College
November 2014

Edmundite Campus Ministry Events

MASSES
Sunday
11:00 a.m. & 7:00 pm
(no 7 pm Mass on November 23, 2014)

Mondays
11:30 am & 4:30 pm
Tuesday-Friday
11:30 am

MORNING PRAYER
Monday-Friday
7:40 am

MASS IN SPANISH
Monday, November 10th;
7:30 pm

RECONCILIATION
Sunday, November 30th
Offered after each Mass
or by appointment any time

Thanksgiving Day Mass
10:00 a.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 (Alliot Hall, Rm. 132) at 12:00 noon 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.

WorldWide Marriage Encounter April 24th—26th, 2015 at Saint Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte, VT: Married couples, let your Catholic faith strengthen your Sacrament of Marriage. If you have been married for many years, this weekend could help you enhance communication, renew commitment, and rekindle romance. Share a Marriage En-
Edmundite Campus Ministry Events (Continued)

Worshipping Community Program

November 11th, 8:00 p.m.: Immaculée Ilibagize, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide, will be speaking at UVM in the Grand Maple Ballroom in the Davis Center. Free Admission. During an Easter break as the genocide broke out in Rwanda, she and seven other women huddled silently together in a cramped 3' x 4' bathroom of a local pastor’s house for 91 days. Immaculée lost most of her family, but she survived to share the story of her miraculous transition into forgiveness and a profound relationship with God. She is the author of Left to Tilt: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust, an international bestseller that has also been made into a documentary. This event is free but tickets are required and our office has a limited number to give out. Please contact Laurie Sabin at 654-2333; tickets can also be obtained at the UVM Davis Center info desk or at the Catholic Center. If you would like more information on this event, please contact Fr. Jon Schnobrich or Kim Allbee at 802-862-8403 or at catholiccenter@smcvt.edu.

Facility & Staff Programs

Partners in Ministry will continue reading The Joy of the Gospel: Evangelii Gaudium by Pope Francis. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, November 6th, 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the VT Room, 2nd floor, Alliot Hall. Snacks welcome but optional. Contact Stephanie Noakes at 871-9322 or at sneakes@smcvt.edu.

Pontigny Society: We will be discussing our second book: A Big Heart Open to God: A Conversation with Pope Francis, interview by Antonio Spadaro, SJ. Sessions begin at 12:00 pm, Monday, November 10th, in the VT Room, 2nd floor, Alliot Hall; a luncheon will be served. RSVP required. All faculty and staff are welcome. Please RSVP to Fr. Marcel Rainville, SSE at 654.2848. Last session until 2015.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: Thanksgiving bags for families in need will be available beginning Sunday, November 9th 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 23rd. Filled bags may be left in the main entrance before Mass on November 9th or 16th. If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Noakes at 871-9322 or sneakes@smcvt.edu.

Lessons & Carols: Friday, December 5th, 7:00 pm in the Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel. Details to follow in December bulletin.

PRAYER

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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:

**Links:** 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 5th, 12th, and 19th; 8:00 to 9:00 pm** in the Upper Room of the Chapel.

**Dessert & the Divine:** Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! Our first gathering will be on **Wednesday, December 3rd; 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. **Thursdays 8:00 to 9:00 pm,** Alliot 125 (Anna Lester’s office).

**Retreat Opportunities**

**BUSY STUDENT RETREAT:** November 16th through 20th. This is a free, on campus, guided retreat, designed to fit into everyone’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, up to a half hour of one-on-one spiritual direction with a spiritual director each day, and you’re also always welcome to participate in daily liturgies and prayer opportunities. It’s up to you! To sign up or for more information, please contact Anna Lester at 654.2897 or email: alester@smcvt.edu.

**New Chapel Lighting**

Thank you to our Physical Plant Staff who supervised the installation of energy-efficient lighting in our Chapel. In addition to providing better lighting, the new light bulbs will save 60% of electricity usage.

**Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week:** November 16th thru 20th: Join us for a number of educational, informative, and reflective events throughout the week including a Hunger Banquet, film and discussion, and candle light vigil. Please look for full event details on the MOVE bulletin board and on the St. Michael’s College portal.

**International Market:** December 10th thru 13th: 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 Lara Scott at 654.2674.