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Saint Michael's College presents an **International Market—Wednesday, December 10th thru Saturday, December 13th**, from 10 am to 6 pm each day in the **Alliot Hall Lobby**. Please help support our International Extended Service programs by purchasing gifts from around the world. MOVE International programs bring handmade gifts and items from their service trips back to campus to sell as a fundraiser. Donations for the trips are welcome. Information: Alison Cleary, 654-2901.

Prayer for Advent

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a wonder at the wisdom and power of Your Father and ours. Receive my prayer as part of my service of the Lord who enlists me in God's own work for justice.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the joy and love and peace it is right to bring to the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too, sober reverence for the God who acted there, hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and spirited resolution to serve the Father and Son.

I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose advent I hail.
Amen.



December 2014



CHAPEL OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Edmundite Campus Ministry Events

**MASSES
Sunday**

11:00 am & 7:00 pm
*No 7 pm Masses Dec. 21-Jan. 4
due to academic break; will resume
January 11)*

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

MORNING PRAYER
Monday-Friday
7:40 am

MASS IN SPANISH
Monday, February 2nd;
7:30 pm

RECONCILIATION
Sunday, December 7th
Offered after each Mass
or by appointment any time

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, Masses at 11:30 am & 4:30 pm in the Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel.

The Society of Saint Edmund and Saint Michael's College will be celebrating the **ordination to the priesthood of Lino Alejandro Oropeza Castillo, S.S.E.**, to be conferred by the Most Reverend Terry R. La-Valley, Bishop of Ogdensburg, N.Y., at **11:00 am** in the Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel on campus. Reception immediately following the ceremony in the Roy Room at the Dion Family Student Center. Guests are asked to park in the Ross Sports Center parking lot accessible at the Winooski side entrance to the College.

The regular Sunday Mass in the **Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel at 11:00 a.m.** will be the **first Mass** celebrated by

our newly ordained priest in the Society of Saint Edmund, **Rev. Lino Oropeza, S.S.E.** A reception will follow in the Roy Room at the Dion Center. All are welcome to attend.

Eucharistic Adoration: Please join us for some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament on **Tuesday, December 9th, 8:00 to 9:00 pm;** Back Altar space of the Chapel. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Vigil, Wednesday, December 24th at 8:00 pm.

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25th at 11:00 am.

New Year's Day (Mary, the Holy Mother of God), Thursday, January 1st at 11:00 am.

Edmundite Campus Ministry Events *(Continued)*

Worshipping Community Programs

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. **April 24-26, 2015, St. Anne's Shrine, Isle La Motte.** Contact the Office of Catholic Formation for more information; (802) 658-6110.

WorldWide Marriage Encounter May 1st – 3rd, 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 Encounter Weekend with each other. For further information, contact Dave & Jennie Erkson at 802-434-4218 or erksonmevt@comcast.net. Applications can also be found in the Chapel.

A **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** will take place **April 10-12, 2015**, in Northern Vermont. *Rachel's Vineyard* offers an opportunity for healing to anyone struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of abortion -- mother, father, sibling or grandparent. The retreat format focuses on God's forgiveness, compassion, and mercy to help participants work through complicated grief, anger, emotional numbness, and other spiritual and psychological effects of abortion. *Rachel's Vineyard* retreats are guided by a priest and counselors trained in post-abortion healing to help participants grieve, receive forgiveness and find peace. Contact 802-658-4118 or email projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org.

December 14th: Saint Michael's College presents **A Festival of Gregorian Chant: Seasonal and Organ Music** by the **VT Gregorian Chant Schola** under the direction **Professor Emeritus William Tortolano**, at **3:00 pm** in the **Chapel of Saint Michael the Archangel**. The Schola will perform the *Mass of the Angels* as well as liturgical rounds from France, Josquin des Pres and Jacques Clement. Vocal soloist Rosemary Rogers will sing a setting of the *Ave Maria* by Marcel Dupré. No admission fee. Donations to the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf are welcome.

28th Annual Twelfth Night Celebration: Saturday, January 3rd at 6:30 pm, featuring the Essex Children's Choir. Twelfth Night is a collaboration between the choir and adult artists, a holiday tradition of song, dance, instruments, and narrative. This joyous occasion, enhanced by the beauty of the chapel, artistry of the musicians, and audience participation, brings to close the celebration of Christmas. Donations requested. Snow date: January 4th at 4:30 pm. This event is held in the Chapel. For more information, call 863-9161.

Faculty & Staff Programs

Pontigny Society: We will be discussing the book *"Death Comes for the Archbishop"*, a novel by Willa Cather. Sessions begin at **12:00 pm, Monday, February 2nd** 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.



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, December 10th; January 14th 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, January 28th; 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

EMMAUS - February 20th - 22rd, 2015: This is a weekend retreat which provides an opportunity for participants to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and to share their faith with others. Candidates are invited to become aware of God in their everyday lives by recognizing the Lord's presence in others and in daily experience. The retreat uses a combination of guided meditations, private reflection time, and group sharing on Scripture. Applications are being accepted for the weekend. For more information, contact Anna Lester at 654.2897 or Alester@smcvt.edu.

LEAP - April 17 - 19, 2015: 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. This retreat will take place at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information about either retreat, contact Rev. Marcel Rainville at 654.2848. Applications for retreatants will be available after the holiday break and can be found in the brochure racks outside the Edmundite Campus Ministry office.

Advent Focus 2014

Be not afraid! Stop wandering and watch, for Christ comes to give you strength and rest.