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Retreat Opportunities

EMMAUS - February 26-28, 2016: This Retreat is a student-led, weekend retreat based on Ignatian spirituality which emphasizes “seeing God in all things.” Emmaus will provide you with the opportunity to meet new people, reflect on your spiritual journey, pray with the Scriptures, share your faith with other students and faculty/staff, and take some time out of your busy life to rest. Best of all, you will become reacquainted with God’s unconditional love revealed by Jesus Christ. This retreat will take place at St. Anne's Shrine in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, contact Anna Lester at 654.2897 or Alester@smcvt.edu.

LEAP - March 11-13, 2016: 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, contact Rev. Marcel Rainville at 654.2848.

5-Day Silent Retreat: Edmundite Campus Ministry will be conducting a 5-Day Silent Retreat in the Ignatian tradition from **June 26 to July 1, 2016 at St. Anne’s Shrine.** Using the principles of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, retreatants will be invited to contemplate scripture passages, celebrate daily Eucharist and meet with a Spiritual Director each day. Spiritual Directors are specifically trained for this type of retreat and will serve as companions and co-discerners of the Spirit during the retreat. Applicants should be comfortable maintaining an atmosphere of silence and be able to share their prayer experience with a Spiritual Director in a daily meeting of about forty-five minutes. The Spiritual Directors are Fr. Brian Cummings, SSE and Bro. Frank Hagerty, SSE. The retreat begins with dinner on Sunday, June 26th and concludes with lunch on Friday, July 1st. The cost is \$450. Applications can be obtained by emailing St. Anne’s Shrine at fstanne@pshift.com. Current students and graduating seniors are eligible for partial/full scholarships by Edmundite Campus Ministry. Space is limited due to single room accommodations.



February 2016



CHAPEL OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Edmundite Campus Ministry Events

MASSES
Sunday

11:00 am & 7:00 pm
*no 7 pm Mass on February 21st

Mondays

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



MORNING PRAYER

Monday-Friday
7:40 am

MASS IN SPANISH

Monday, February 1st;
7:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Sunday, February 28th
Offered after each Mass
or by appointment any time

Blessing of Throats: In memory of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, the Blessing of Throats will take place after 11:30 am Mass on Tuesday, February 2nd.

Lent 2016

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 10
11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Reconciliation after each Mass



Fast for Peace: Ash Wednesday, February 10th (all day). Please join as a community to be mindful of our actions towards peace and unity with those in need. We invite you to sign up to fast with one another: raising awareness and solidarity for harmony throughout our world. Sign up at the Ed-

mundite Center for Peace & Justice or Campus Ministry offices.

Rice Bowls: Please pick up a Rice Bowl at any entrance of the Chapel. These will be collected on Palm Sunday, March 20th.

Rosary for Peace: Monday, February 15th, 5:00 pm at the back altar space of the Chapel.

Taize Prayer Services: Thursday, February 11th; 7:00 pm at the back altar space. Everyone is welcome to join us for some peaceful music, silent reflection and Scripture reading.

Worshipping Community Programs

Partners in Ministry will gather **Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 5:30 pm** in the Vermont Room/ Alliot Hall. We will be sharing our thoughts about Chpt. 5, in Michael H. Crosby’s book, “Do

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You Love Me?: Jesus questions the Church?. We will also share a light meal, and prayer. All are welcome; books can be ordered if needed. Contact Stephanie Noakes at 881.5131. or email at snoakes@smcvt.edu.

February 25, 2016: “The Encounter with Christ: Pope Francis and the Heart of Catholicism”- a presentation by Phil Lawson, the Director of Catechesis and Evangelization for the Diocese of Burlington to be held in the Robideau Fellowship Hall at Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center- 36 Lincoln St. Essex Junction, Vt. 05452. 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm. For more information contact 878-5331.

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 29 - May 1, 2016, St. Anne’s Shrine, Isle La Motte.** Contact the Office of Catholic Formation for more information; (802) 658-6110.

Faculty & Staff Programs

Pontigny Society: Our Spring semester will begin with discussion of the book “Enduring Grace”, a novel by Carol Flinders. Sessions begin at **12:00 pm, Monday, February 1st** 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. Future dates: March 7th & April 11th.

Year of Mercy Jubilee Event: February 21st, Jubilee for Religious and Consecrated Life will

be held at 3:00 pm at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral, Burlington. See Vermontcatholic.org for extended calendar events.

FOLLOWING JESUS TO EASTER: A Lenten series offered by Fr. Richard Berube, SSE. Lent offers us a special time to reflect on Jesus’ words to his disciples, “Take up your cross and follow me.” In this series, we’ll consider how each of the four gospels has its own distinctive understanding of discipleship, the following of Jesus. There will be five sessions: four talks with discussion and a fifth session in the form of a holy hour and guided meditation. This series will be held on **Feb. 17th & 24th; March 2nd & 9th** in the Hoehl Room on the lower level of Holy Family-St. Lawrence Parish Center- 36 Lincoln St. Essex Jct., VT. The last session will be held in Holy Family Church on **March 16th**. Time: 7:00—8:00 pm.

Gently-Used Books Sale:

To benefit MOVE international service trips (India & Dominican Republic). **February 10th-13th;** Alliot Hall. Also accepting book donations until Feb. 8th. (call Allison Cleary at 654-2901).



Penguin Plunge: Saturday, February 6th.

This fundraiser is for Special Olympics. If you are interested in participating, please sign up on the MOVE bulletin board in the Alliot Lobby. Held at the Burlington Waterfront..



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, Feb. 3, 10, and 17; 8:00 pm** in the Upper Rm/Chapel.

Dessert & the Divine: Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! **Wednesday, Feb. 24; 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 & reflections on your faith life in college. **Every Thursday 8:00 pm., Alliot 125** (Anna Lester's office).

FOOD FOR THOUGHT LECTURES

Friday, February 12th, 12 Noon, Alliot VT Room: Fr. Thomas Worcester, SJ, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA will present **“Francis, Pope of Mercy”**. For Pope Francis, mercy is at the heart of who God is and of what the church and its members are called to be. This talk considers how Pope Francis, in his words and his actions, promotes mercy for the marginalized, the wounded, the excluded, the imprisoned, the refugee, the migrant, the poor, the sinner. The open door as a key image for the holy year of mercy. Care for our common home the earth as an integral part of mercy. Pope Francis as prophet, priest, and pilgrim. Review of his 2015 visit to the US as indicative of the depth and breadth of his mission of mercy. Suggested reading: Pope Francis, *The Name of God is Mercy* (NY: Random House 2016). Fr. Worcester holds a PhD in History from Cambridge University; a Professor of History at the College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, Massachusetts), he is a specialist in the religion and culture of early modern France and Italy. Fr. Worcester is the author of *Seventeenth-Century Cultural Discourse: France and the Preaching of Bishop Camus* (1997).

Wednesday, March 2nd, 12 Noon, Alliot VT Room. Thomas Hanchin, Ph.D., Asst. Professor of Theology & Religious Studies at Villanova University presents **“Holy Talk: Conversation as Friendship at a Catholic University.”** *Conversatio* is properly translated as “behavior” or “conduct” or “way of living.” *Conversari*, at its root, means “to dwell with or live with.” We have all had the experience of a conversation shifting and becoming a deep, free exchange of thoughts and feeling that seems to reach beyond the participants. Friendship, as the highest moral human action, cultivates conversation with virtues, habits of the heart and mind, which aid the university in striving towards authenticity. A Catholic university, animated by friendship conversations, may act as a healing agent within a culture marred by divisive and caustic talk. Timothy Hanchin received a PhD in Theology and Education from Boston College and a MDiv from Harvard Divinity School. His dissertation, “A Trinitarian Vision of Education: Bernard Lonergan’s Hermeneutics of Friendship and a Catholic University for Our Time,” engages the lively conversation on the mission and identity of Catholic higher education today. He has taught at two Jesuit high schools, traveled throughout Latin America, and enjoys backpacking Vermont’s Long Trail.

A luncheon will be served at each session. RSVP is required. Contact Laurie Sabens @ 654.2342 or at Lsabens@smcvt.edu