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October is Respect Life Month

The twofold theme for this year's Respect Life Month pairs the oft-repeated reassurance from Scripture, "Be Not Afraid." with the words of Jesus at the Ascension, "Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20) The following meditation from the USCCB explains why:

When battered by life's storms, or immersed in a dense fog of suffering and uncertainty, we may feel alone and unequipped to handle the circumstances. Yet with words that echo through thousands of years into the corners of our hearts, the Lord says to us, "Do not fear: I am with you" (Isaiah 41:10).

He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God.

Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new. He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go.

Go be my hands and feet to a world enslaved by fear. Go to the woman who is unexpectedly pregnant and fears the future. Go to your friend who fears reprisal at work because he takes a stand for the protection of human life. Go to your aging parent in failing health who fears being a burden. And go to others, too, for their support.

We don't need to have everything figured out. We can simply follow the guidance of Our Blessed Mother, the first disciple: "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5).

Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us.

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Saint Michael's College



October 2017



CHAPEL OF SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Edmundite Campus Ministry Events

**MASSES
Sunday**

11:00 a.m. & 7:00 pm
* no 7 pm Mass on October 15th due to student recess

Mondays

11:30 am & 4:30 pm

Tuesday-Friday

11:30 am



MORNING PRAYER

Monday-Friday
7:40 am

MASS IN SPANISH

Monday, October 9th;
7:30 pm

RECONCILIATION

Sunday, October 22nd
Offered after each Mass
or by appointment any time

Mass for All Saints Day will be celebrated on **Wednesday, November 1st at 11:30 a.m. and at 4:30 p.m.** (Holy Day of Obligation).

A Mass for the Remembrance of All Souls will be held at 11:30 a.m., **Thursday, November 2nd.** (Back Altar Space).

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.

"Lunch with Lino" - Wednesdays at Noon: Students are invited to join Fr. Lino Oropeza, S.S.E. and Campus Ministers for lunch in the Green Mountain Dining Hall (Alliot) for good food & conversation. All are welcome!

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 are **Wednesdays, 6:00—7:30 p.m.** at Holy Family/St. Lawrence Parish Hall, Essex. Contact John McMahon at 878-5331, ext. 202.

VT Christian Music presents the 7th Annual VT Christian Rock-toberfest on **October 14th, 2017, 7 pm**, North Avenue Alliance Church, Burlington.

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Featuring headliners Stars Go Dim, with their #1 hit "Walking Like Giants"; Mallery Hope; Judy McDonald, and Frank Palangi. Come ROCK the evening!! Tickets: are \$25.00 each for general admission. For information, please see www.VTChristianMusic.com/rocktoberfest.

Saint Anne's Shrine Annual Harvest Dinner: Sunday, October 8th, 12:00 to 3:00 pm. Serving turkey and all the trimmings! \$11 adults; \$6 12 and under (*Canadian funds \$14 adults; \$9 for 12 and under.*) For more information, call 802.928.3362 or 802.928.3385. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m.

WorldWide Marriage Encounter: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are **Oct 21-22, 2017** in Contoocook, NH and **Mar 16-18, 2018** in Isle La Motte, VT. For more information, call Gary & Lynn Root at 802-456-8114 or visit them at <https://wwmevt.org>.

Faculty & Staff Programs

Pontigny Society: Our second session will continue on Monday, October 9th at 12:00 noon. We will continue reading Pope Francis' "Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home". Held 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, October 12th, 5:30 pm, Vermont room (Alliot Hall). We will be continue our discussion of Joan Chittister's "Radical Spirit: 12 Ways to Live a Free and Authentic Life". Contact Stephanie at 881-5131 for info. All are welcome for discussion and prayer with or without snack contribution.

Food for Thought presentations: October 18th: *Declining Demographics and its Impact on Religious Practice* by Professor Art Woolf (UVM) and Professor Vince Bolduc (SMC); **October 31st:** *The Early History of the Edmundite Community* by Very Rev. Stephen Hornat, S.S.E. All presentations are held at 12:00 Noon in the Vermont Room, Alliot Hall, 2nd Floor. Please RSVP to Laurie Sabens (Lsabens@smcvt.edu) or call the Campus Ministry office at 654.2333.

PRAYER

Holy Michael the Archangel, be our protector: defend us in battle against the powers of evil and the pride of the devil, and after the trials of this life, lead us at last into heavenly Jerusalem to rejoice with all the new creation in the presence of God. 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:

- **Faith 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, October 4th, 11th, and 18th; 8:00 to 9:00 pm** in the Upper Room of the Chapel.
- **Dessert & the Divine:** Enjoy food and fellowship with other Christians! **Wednesday, October 25th; 8:00 pm** in the Upper Room, Chapel. Please contact Anna Lester for more information at 654.2897 or alester@smcvt.edu.

M.O.V.E. Activities



Mark J. Fizulich '97 Annual Red Cross Blood Drive: October 3rd; 12:00 am to 6:00 pm in the Roy Room of the Dion Family Center. We need volunteers to donate blood and to help staff the event. Sign up on the MOVE bulletin board and look out for tabling in Alliot.

Fall Serve-a-Thon: October 7th: Spend the morning (10 AM – 2 PM) doing community service with your peers in local organizations. Sign up on the MOVE bulletin board and meet in Alliot the morning of.

Senior Citizen Prom: October 28th; 4:00 to 7:00 pm in International Commons. Sign up to volunteer on the MOVE bulletin board. We need volunteers to come socialize with the seniors, dance, and have fun.



RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES

LEAP - November 3rd - 5th, 2017: 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.