

SEPTEMBER 2016

Saturday, September 3

40 Days for Life Rutland

Kickoff Rally Christ the King Catholic Church Parish Hall 6:30-8 p.m.

Saturday, September 24

Chittenden County

Right to Life

Annual Dinner and Auction

St. John Vianney Parish Hall 5:30 p.m. For information/reservations call Eileen Haupt (802) 899-4882.

Wednesday, September 28

40 Days for Life Williston

Kickoff Rally and Dinner

Kickoff Rally at 75 Talcott Road, Williston 5 p.m. *Dinner* at Holy Family Parish Hall in Essex Junction at 6:30. Speaker: Eleanor McCullen, longtime pro-life supporter from the Boston area with extensive experience praying at abortion clinics. Information contact: Agnes Clift 802 310-9520

September 28-Nov. 6, 2016

40 Days for Life

– Annual non-denominational, 40 days of prayer to end abortion. Participants from faith communities around Vermont conduct peaceful vigils in front of the Planned Parenthood clinics in two locations: 75 Talcott Road, Williston from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Call Agnes Clift for information 802 310-9520 6 Roberts Avenue, Rutland Delia Warnecke 802 287-0354 Sign up for vigil hours online at 40daysforlife.com

OCTOBER 2016

Respect Life Month –

“Moved by Mercy” Catholic parishes throughout Vermont will offer prayer, public education and pastoral care initiatives in recognition of Respect Life Month, whose theme this year is Moved by Mercy, in keeping with the Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. Check your parish bulletin to find out how you can participate!

Saturday, October 1:

40 Days for Life “United for

Life” National Team Rally

12 p.m. 75 Talcott Road, Williston

Sunday, October 2

Respect Life Sunday Masses will be offered in recognition of the sanctity of all human life.

Life Chain, a one-hour, inter-faith, silent witness, calling for an end to abortion – will take place in several Vermont communities: **Burlington** from 2-3 p.m. on

Main Street, beginning at the intersection with South Union Street.

Contact Ethel Brousseau, 802 893 1168

Montpelier at 2 p.m. in front of the State House Contact Brenda Pepin at 229-9338. **Newport 2 p.m.** at 100 Main Street.

Contact Jeannine Young, email: lifechain4neport@gmtmom.com

Sunday, October 9

Afternoon of Prayer for Healing and Hope

UVM Catholic Center Chapel, 1-3 p.m.



ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF BURLINGTON

Respect LIFE

2016-2017 CALENDAR

Compiled by the Respect Life Office
of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington
respectlife@vermontcatholic.org

An afternoon to pray for those who have been wounded by abortion, and hear about God's peace and healing offered through the Catholic Church's Project Rachel Ministry. There will be opportunities for reflection and confession, along with Adoration in the Chapel. This is a wonderful occasion, as brothers and sisters in Christ, to pray for and walk with others in this important ministry. For more information, write respectlife@vermontcatholic.org or call

802 658-6110, ext. 1131. Hosted by the Project Rachel Ministry.

Tuesday, October 18

Students for Life Rosary and Candlelight Vigil

Bishop Christopher Coyne will join Students for Life from schools around Burlington, including Rice Memorial High School and the University of Vermont, across from Planned Parenthood at 186 St. Paul Street in Burlington, to pray to end abortion. All pro-life students welcome!

Saturday, October 22

Annual Birthright Dinner

6 p.m. at Holy Family Parish Hall in Essex. To register, contact Birthright at 802 865-0056 or email birthrightbtv@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2016

Tuesday, November 8

Election Day! Don't forget to vote!

DECEMBER 2016

Sunday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Patroness of the Unborn

A good day to pray a rosary for all victims of abortion.

JANUARY 2017

Saturday, January 21

Rally for Life Mass 9:30 a.m.

St. Augustine Church in Montpelier. Bishop Coyne will be the main celebrant.

Rally for Life 10:45 a.m.

in Montpelier - After Mass, participants will gather behind City Hall to line up for the march to the steps of the State House, where opening remarks will be followed by speakers indoors.

Friday, January 27

Annual Rally and March for Life in Washington, DC—the largest pro-life event of the year.

January 26-28

March for Life Pilgrimage:

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington will sponsor a bus trip to our nation's capitol for Catholic teens and their chaperones to at-

tend the March for Life, with buses leaving from Burlington, Vergennes, Rutland and Bennington, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This trip will include an overnight hotel stay, attendance at the Rally for Life, the March for Life, and visits to the National Shrines of the Immaculate Conception, Pope St. John Paul II and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

A second bus for individual adults and those travelling with their own children to attend the Rally and March for Life on January 27 will offer a shortened itinerary and overnight bus travel (no hotel stay). Cost and registration information at: www.vermontcatholic.org

APRIL 2017

April 21-23

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Weekend retreat offering a safe place to rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. A supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where men and women can express and release painful post-abortion emotions to begin the healing process. Information/registration: (802) 658-4118

PRAY FOR LIFE ALL YEAR LONG!

Join 9 Days for Life, an annual novena sponsored by the USCCB each January that continues throughout the year. Learn more at [9 Days for Life.com](http://9DaysforLife.com)

HOPE AFTER ABORTION:

Abortion hurts women.

Project Rachel is a post-abortion healing ministry that provides one-on-one pastoral care, with particular attention to the importance of spiritual healing and Sacramental Reconciliation. Priests and Catholic mental health professionals with specialized training in Project Rachel are available as well as retreats which offer more in-depth pastoral care. If you or someone you know is suffering as a result of abortion, call our confidential hotline: (802) 658-4118 projectrachel@vermontcatholic.org

SIGN UP FOR PRO-LIFE ALERTS

The Diocesan Respect Life Alert Network is a phone/email chain put in place more than 20 years ago (originally under the title, *Bishop's Respect Life Phone Tree*) to communicate "action alerts" and updates regarding important public policy initiatives and proposed legislation in

Vermont. When the Respect Life Alert Network is activated, automated phone calls and emails go out to the nearly-1400-member list. Usually, the alerts contain a request for action to call State or National legislators to express concern over a key issue. Imagine the Congressional office that receives calls and e-mails from hundreds of Vermonters! The Alert Network is activated only in serious circumstances, and is not used as a regular means of communication. If you are interested in becoming a part of the Diocesan Respect Life Alert Network, please call or write the Respect Life Office 802 658-6110, ext. 1176.

PRO-LIFE SPEAKERS FOR YOUR PARISH

Let us help you promote a culture of Life with our popular "Speakers Bureau". Experts on a host of topics are available to talk to your parish group, religious education class or committee on topics such as: **Pro-Life 101!**

Our youth are our future: Empower them to bring a Culture of Life into the 21st Centu-

PRO-LIFE NEWS & IDEAS

DO YOU HAVE: FIVE MINUTES, FIVE DOLLARS, OR FIVE FRIENDS? "TAKE FIVE" TO SUPPORT LIFE!

Five Minutes:

- * Pray a decade of the rosary for the unborn
- * Call your legislator in support of pro-life legislation
- * Post a pro-life message on social media

Five Dollars:

- * Donate \$5 to a crisis pregnancy center,
- * Give \$5 to a homeless shelter or a food shelf,
- * Support Vermont Catholic Charities Emergency Services

Five Friends:

- * Get together and visit a nursing home;
- * Organize a project to collect baby items to donate;
- * Start a text-message daily pro-life prayer chain

For more ideas, request a Parish Pro-Life Idea Book!

ry. This presentation begins with a call to compassion, approaching the topic of abortion as a human rights issue that demands justice for *both* women and the unborn.

Chastity: A

Countercultural Message

Aimed at middle- and high-school students, this program offers insight, affirmation and guidance for making moral choices in a society where

sexual behavior is too often presented as "morally neutral." Young people are challenged to think about the vocation to which God is calling them and the consequences of the choices they make.

Natural Family Planning:

Pro-woman, Pro-Family

Explore common myths and fallacies about contraception and "Catholic birth control." Used properly, NFP is highly

effective, 100% natural, environmentally friendly, and cost-free! Learn the facts about this marriage-strengthening, medically-proven, completely natural and theologically sound approach to family planning.

Vermont Catholic Advance Directives

End of life ethics, concerns and choices: Learn how to write an Advance Directive and why having a Catholic Advance Directive can bring you peace of mind.

Forming Your Conscience for Voting

Is there such a thing as a "perfect" candidate? What does the Church teach about voting with a Catholic conscience? This presentation outlines Catholic teaching to help you form your own conscience prior to entering the ballot box.

TO SCHEDULE

SPEAKERS:

802 658-6110, ext.1176 or respectlife@vermontcatholic.org
More information www.vermontcatholic.org

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

We are a pro-life people! At the heart of our Catholicism is an abiding belief in the inherent worth and dignity of all human life! Whether you consider yourself a pro-life "activist" or a pro-life "quiet Catholic," we are all a necessary part of building the Culture of Life! This flyer offers ideas large and small that you can do to contribute to promoting a culture that respects and defends all life, especially the most vulnerable among us—the unborn, the disabled, the sick, and the elderly.

*"We are called to
show mercy
because
mercy has first
been shown to us."*

-Pope Francis

Like Us On Facebook!

Respect Life: Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington
<https://www.facebook.com/DioBurlingtonRespectLife/>