

Keynote Presenter:  
**Fr. William (Bill) Kiel**



We are pleased to bring Fr. Kiel back to the Vermont Catholic Conference as a keynote speaker this year. Fr. Bill was the presenter for the "Our Father: Everyday Living" workshop at last year's Conference.

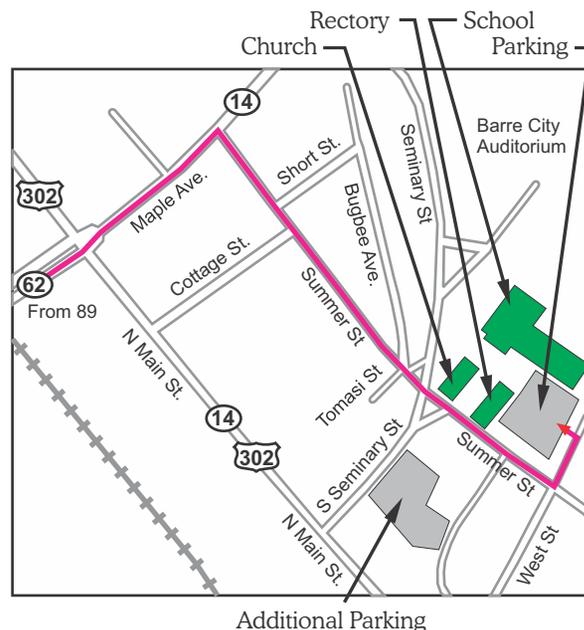
Prior to Fr. Kiel's ordination for the Diocese of Greensburg Pennsylvania in 1993, he worked as a High School Biology teacher for 22 years at Greensburg-Salem Senior High in Greensburg as well as a college Adjunct Instructor, a Supervising Teacher for student teachers, and an Interpretive Naturalist for Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Fr. Kiel retired from active parish ministry in 2013 after assignments as Parochial Vicar at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg, Parochial Vicar at St. Regis in Stratford, and as pastor at Saint Mary - Our Lady of Guadalupe in Kittanning, Saint John the Evangelist in Uniontown, and at Saint Bernard of Clairvaux in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Since his retirement, Fr. Kiel has presented days of recollection and retreats; celebrated masses with prayers and laying on of hands blessings for healing; spoken at Marian Conferences; serves as Spiritual Director for individuals, groups, and Saint Vincent Seminary; leads pilgrimages to shrines in the U.S., Canada and Europe, especially Medjugorje; presents meditations for Scripture and Mass prayers on WAOB Catholic radio.

**St. Monica Catholic Church**  
79 Summer Street, Barre, VT  
(802) 479-3253



**Directions:**

From Interstate 89, take exit 7 to VT62 south about 5 miles to Barre. Go straight through the intersection with VT302 / N. Main Street onto Maple Avenue and go one block, take a right on Summer Street. Go three blocks ( passing St. Monica on the left ), go left on West Street and left to the St. Monica parking lot.



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# Joy of the Good News

9th Annual  
**VERMONT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**

Keynote Presentation  
"The Joy of Mary the First Christian"

Presented by:  
Fr. William (Bill) Kiel



**Saturday, November 7th, 2015**  
**St. Monica Catholic Church,**  
**Barre, Vermont**  
**8:00am to 5:00pm**

Presented by:



**Challengers**  
For the Catholic Faith

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## Conference Schedule:

- 8:00 Registration / Food / Vendors / Networking /
- 9:00 General Session  
Opening prayer and Welcome  
Introduction to Conference and Theme  
Morning Prayer
- 9:30 Keynote Session: **"The Joy of Mary the First Christian"** Presented by: Fr. William Kiel
- 10:45 General Session  
**"Crisis in the Middle East"** Fr. Benedict Kiely
- 11:30 Lunch / Confession / Quiet Prayer /  
Vendors / Networking
- 12:00 Live Praise and Worship Music ( gym )
- 1:00 Workshops: **"Sainthood - Our Ultimate Joy"**  
Msgr. John McDermott and **"Touched by an Angel"** Fr. Lance Harlow
- 2:00 General Session  
**"Joy of the Parish"** Fr. Dwight Baker
- 2:45 Keynote Session: **"I am a Sinner"**  
Presented by: Fr. William Kiel
- 3:30 Closing Remarks / Move to the Church
- 4:00 Closing Mass: Celebrated by  
The Most Reverend Christopher J. Coyne,  
Bishop of Burlington

## Presentations:

**The Joy of Mary the First Christian** Fr. William Kiel  
In Mary, for the first time the Father found a dwelling place where his Son and his Spirit could dwell among men. In her the wonders of God began to be manifested. Mary found joy in that first "yes." How can we model our own lives after Mary's example?

**I am a Sinner** Fr. William Kiel  
An average Catholic's approach to faithfulness --- living with faith, purpose, and passion: growing in the Joy of God. "Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

**Crisis in the Middle East** Fr. Benedict Kiely  
Throughout the world, but especially in the Middle East, our Christian brothers and sisters are facing persecution, ethnic cleansing, martyrdom and genocide. The darkening of our world can make us feel as though there is no hope. But each of us can make a difference. "Let us do good to all men, but especially to those who are of the household of the Faith" Gal 6:10.

**Joy of the Parish** Fr. Dwight Baker  
A Church building, a community of believers, the Mysteries of Christ: what is the role of the Parish in your life? No one is saved alone. It is with the help of the Parish community that we are brought the understanding and the love of Christ. How can we nurture the joy of the Parish to build a stronger faith.

**Sainthood - Our Ultimate Joy** Msgr. John McDermott  
How do we get to Heaven? Are there certain things a person might do that will stop them from entering Heaven? We all think of ourselves as unruly saints. This workshop will explore the lives of unruly saints and how allowing the Grace of God to change their lives brought them into the Joy of Heaven.

**Touched by an Angel** Fr. Lance Harlow  
The Church teaches the existence of angels, but what are they and what should our relationship be with them? Did St. Michael the Archangel actually slay a dragon? Did the Angel Gabriel really visit Mary before she conceived? The Church benefits from the mysterious and powerful help of angels. So come learn how YOU are touched by an angel.

**Life in the Spirit Seminar** Luke 11 Ministries  
What does it mean to live your Catholic Faith in the power of the Holy Spirit? Come learn and experience it first-hand with this seminar, which has been in use for over 40 years. You'll be surprised how this out-pouring of the Holy Spirit can affect every aspect of your life, empowering a stronger faith and deeper love for the Lord.

*We place all that we do at the feet of our Lord Jesus and under the mantle of our patroness, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, and pray that our efforts be blessed. This ninth annual conference is offered with the approbation of the Diocese of Burlington for the enrichment of fellow Catholics of all ages.*

For additional information or to register, contact your parish office or visit our website at:

[www.VTChallengers.org](http://www.VTChallengers.org)

Please fill out the form below, trim along the dashed line and mail it in to the address below.

## Step 1: Registration

Please fill out your contact information in the space below.

Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State:	ZIP:
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Parish:	
How did you hear about this conference?	

If you are younger than 18 years old:

Emergency Contact:	Relationship:
Phone:	

## Step 2: Select Additional Presentations:

Father Kiel will present two keynote presentations: **"The Joy of Mary the First Christian"** and **"I am a Sinner"**.

Two other General Session presentations will be given: **"Crisis in the Middle East"** and **"Joy of the Parish"**

Please select one of the additional presentations listed below. Presentation descriptions are given on the facing page of this brochure.

- Sainthood - Our Ultimate Joy**
- Touched by an Angel**
- Life in the Spirit Seminar**

## Step 3: Conference Fee

- We encourage everyone to register early due to limited space.
- Day of conference, add \$5.00.
- If you would like to order a conference t-shirt, please fill out your registration on-line.
- Limited scholarships available. Please contact us for details.
- Conference fee includes lunch.
- Make checks payable and mail to: **Challengers For The Catholic Faith PO Box 734 Essex Junction, Vermont 05453**
- For additional information email: [info@VTChallengers.org](mailto:info@VTChallengers.org)

**Early registration fee:**

- \$35/adult
- \$20/student

Early registration deadline:  
**Wed, Nov 4th**

Office Use Only	
Cash Amount:	
Check Amount:	
Check Number:	
Date Received:	

