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In the Roman Catholic Diocese
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What's Happening in Cluster 21?

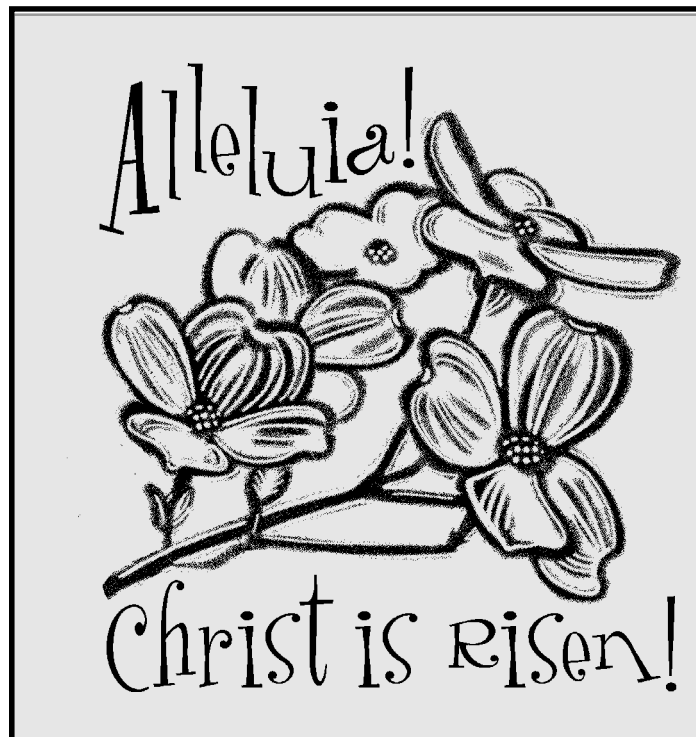
May 2008

May 1, 2008, Thursday, Feast of the Ascension and Neophyte Mass, Cathedral, Portland, 7

p.m.: Come to a Neophyte Mass with Bishop Malone at the Cathedral in Portland. It will be followed by a reception and a chance to greet the Bishop especially for our people who came into the church during the Easter season. Witness talk by Stephen Guptil from Berwick. A second Neophyte Mass will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 3rd at St. John in Bangor.

**May 1, 2008, Thursday,
McAuley Residence 20th
Anniversary:** Join supporters of McAuley Residence, a Sister of Mercy transitional housing program for women and children at 91 State St., Portland, to celebrate 20 years of service with a Tea and Open House, 3:30 – 6:30. RSVP 879-3486

**May 2, 2008, Friday,
Evangelization Day,
"Continuing the New
Evangelization Dialogue"**
at St. John Parish, Bangor, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discussion groups will include Business, Finance & Administration, Catechetics & Initiation, Catholic Schools, and The New Evangelization led by Bishop Malone. To register, contact



your parish office, or Ruth Oakley at the Diocese, roakley@portlanddiocese.net.

**May 11, 2008, Pentecost
Sunday, First Eucharist and
Confirmation at the Cathed-
ral:** The children of Cathed-
ral, St. Louis, St. Peter's and
St. Christopher will celebrate
First Eucharist and Confirma-
tion at 2 p.m. on Pentecost
Sunday, May 11 at the
Cathedral with Bishop
Malone. The date at Sacred
Heart / St. Dominic Parish will
be June 29.

**May 16, 2008, Friday,
Ordination Mass at Cathed-
ral, 4 p.m.:** Deacon Robert
Lupo will be ordained to the
priesthood.

**May 18, 2008, Sunday, "The
Hidden Child Experience
During the Holocaust":**
Temple Beth El, 400 Deering
Avenue, Portland,
1 - 2:15 p.m. Come hear the
story of Charles Rotmil, born
in Strasbourg in 1932. He
was one of nearly 400 Jewish
children rescued by Father
Bruno Reynders during World

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Information for protecting our children

Week Four in the Series:
Child Abuse Prevention
Month is being marked in
parishes across the United
States in April. Each week
our bulletin is including
information on how to
prevent abuse, clarify
misconceptions, and action
the Church has taken to
reach out to victims and
protect children.

Did You Know...?

-29% of child sexual abuse
is committed by relatives,
60% is committed by others
known by the victim, and
only 11% is committed by
strangers..

-Watch for warning signs.
People who abuse are likely
to: allow children to engage
in activities parents would
not allow; use bad lan-
guage, tell dirty jokes or
show pornography to
children; progressively lure
children away from family
and friends. For more tips
on recognizing behavior,
visit www.virtus.org.

-Make sure your child never
puts personal information on
the Internet. It's easy to
track and may be hard to
completely remove. Per-
sonal information should
always be kept private.

-Our Diocese has an office
that investigates complaints
of abuse of minors by
Church representatives. If
you need assistance, please
call Deacon John Brennan
at 207-321-7836.

For more information, visit the Web site www.cluster21portland.org

The Web site contains the most current news and information about Cluster 21, the history, meeting dates and minutes, links to each parish, and a schedule of activities and events throughout the cluster. The Cluster 21 Newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee of the Cluster 21 Pastoral Council with the Cluster 21 bulletin editors.

This week's second collection is
for the Catholic Home Missions
Appeal. Please give generously.

War II. Father Bruno, a Benedictine monk, has been recognized by Yad Vashem as "righteous among nations." Mr. Rotmil will present his personal account of hiding during the Holocaust in Belgium and France. His story, as seen through the eyes of a child, will help us make a personal connection between the past and the present. Mr. Rotmil will be introduced by Dr. Robert Bernheim, Executive Director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine.

June 2008

June 1, 2008, Plant Sale at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish, 11 a.m.: An annual fundraiser to support the parish garden will be held after the 9:45 Mass in the Parish Hall.

June 5, 2008, Thursday, Annual Golf Tournament: Cathedral School is looking for sponsors for our Sixth Annual Golf Tournament to be held on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at Nonesuch River Golf Club. To sign on, contact Louise Carpentier, Development Director at 773-2726 or come to the school office and pick up a registration form. Proceeds benefit Cathedral School.

June 14, 2008, Saturday, Disciples in Mission Reflection Day for Cluster 21: This will be a day of Reflection from 9 am - 12:00 noon at Cathedral Guild Hall for those who participated in the Disciples in Mission program for Cluster 21. All parishioners are welcome. The day will include opportunities to reflect on our Disciples in Mission experience, as well as learning about and sharing together a vision for Catholic Evangelization in our Cluster, based on the U.S. Bishops' Pastoral: Go and Make Disciples. The document can

be accessed online with the following link: <http://www.usccb.org/evangelization/goandmake/eng.shtml>

June 15-22, 2008, 49th International Eucharistic Congress, Quebec City: Bishop Malone is leading a diocesan pilgrimage from Thursday, June 19 to Sunday, June 22. For details, go to www.portlanddiocese.net. Online registration is available. Parishes are encouraged to consider local initiatives to prepare, such as: learn the theme song of the Congress, offer adult education on the Eucharist, send a Parish delegation to the Diocesan Pilgrimage, pray for the success of the Congress, offer a time of Eucharistic adoration, participate in some activity which feeds the poor, consider hosting a parish dinner.

June 28, 2008, Saturday, Anniversary Celebrations with Bishop Malone: "Bishop Richard J. Malone and Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute invite couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th and 70th wedding anniversaries to celebrate a special Silver and Gold Mass on Saturday, June 28, at 4:30 p.m. at the Cathedral in Portland. RSVP by June 13th to 871-7464, ext. 2670 or 800-CARE-002, ext. 2670. A light reception will follow.

July 2008

July 11, 12 & 13, 2008, Pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre: The Sodality of St. Anne, in Westbrook, is sponsoring this trip with a side trip to Quebec City. This year marks the 350th anniversary

of the first St. Anne chapter and the 400th anniversary of Quebec. Help fill the bus. The cost per person for the trip is \$167, single; \$131, double; \$120, triple. For more information contact Marilyn Foster, 854-1199. Your parish office has a copy of the itinerary and registration form.

August 2008

August 7-9, 2008: In partnership with The North American Forum the Diocese of Portland will present "The Initiation Experience: Beginnings" for implementing a strong parish RCIA program. The Forum presents the vision of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, provides experience of the flow, steps, and periods of the Rite, teaches the skills necessary for local implementation, invites reflection, faith sharing, and liturgical celebration, and deepens understanding of the conversion journey. Tuition is \$225 per person. Early Bird Deadline is June 7, 2008. Registration information is available through your local parish office.

Ongoing in 2008 in Cluster 21

Volunteer Web site administrator wanted: Pax Christi Maine. E-mail inquiries and links to your sample sites to: search@paxchristimaine.org.

Volunteer at St. Peter's Church: Help with the communications once or twice a month for an hour and a half! Contact Salvatore Bonetti at salvatorebonetti@yahoo.com or 939-6755.

Cluster Corner

For several months this Cluster Corner has attempted to describe the process of clustering and restructuring parishes and the rationale behind it.

The goal of this process is a new vision for the Church in Maine and a renewed commitment to the Good News.

We will need new parish structures (recall that parish is much more than a building). They will be designed to foster and support this vision and to engage all of us in responding to God's call to discipleship and to invite all to a fuller participation in the ministry of the Church.

Pray that this will be successful. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us to serve the one community of faith here in Maine and then we can begin to evangelize ourselves as a Church.

Why choose Cathedral School? Imagine a place where children begin every day with scripture and prayer. Imagine a place where Jesus is the role model of behavior. Visit or call Cathedral School. See why Cathedral School could be the best gift to give a child. For information about Cathedral School, go to <http://www.cathedralportland.com/>.

Retrouvaille: A retreat for married couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriages. For more information, call 1-800-470-2230, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Cumberland County Jail Catholic Ministry: To become involved in this important volunteer ministry, please contact Fr. Matthew Monnig at monnig@jesuits.net or call him at 775-3032 x214.



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