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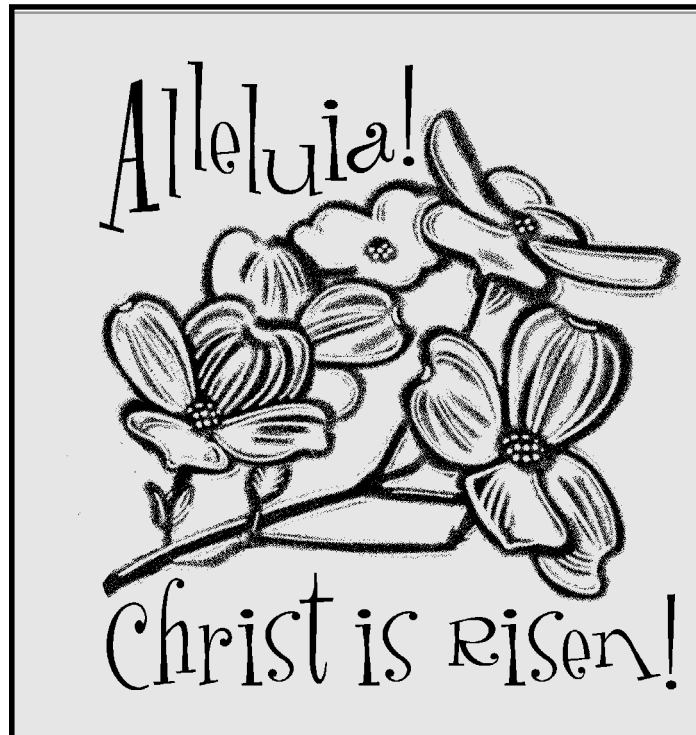
## In and around Cluster 21

May 2008

**May 10, 2008, Saturday, McAuley's 5k Run for Hope:** The 2nd annual 5k USATF Certified "Run for Hope" will take place at 10 a.m. at Catherine McAuley High School. Walkers are welcome at 10:15 a.m. Pre-registration is \$15 and closes May 7th; on the day of the event, registration is \$20 starting at 8 a.m. Race T-Shirts will be available for the first 250 entrants. A post-race gathering will begin at McAuley at 11:30 a.m. with refreshments and music. Proceeds benefit the Jim and Maxine Pouravelis Scholarship Fund. For more information or to register, visit us online at [www.McCauleyhs.org](http://www.McCauleyhs.org) or call Rita at 899-0981.

**May 11, 2008, Pentecost Sunday, First Eucharist and Confirmation at the Cathedral:** The children of Cathedral, St. Louis, St. Peter's and St. Christopher will celebrate First Eucharist and Confirmation 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 17, 2008, Saturday, "Venite a mangiare la pasta" / Come and Eat Pasta:** Join parishioners at St. Peter's for a Pasta & Meatball Dinner. St. Peter's Church Hall, \$5 per person, Desserts are welcomed & appreciated.



**May 16, 2008, Friday, Ordination Mass at Cathedral, 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 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

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## Our Pope's Prayers for May

VATICAN CITY, 30 APR 2008 (VIS) - Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for May is: "That Christians may use literature, art and the mass media to greater advantage in order to favour a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person".

His mission intention is: "That the Virgin Mary, Star of evangelisation and Queen of the Apostles, may still guide today with maternal affection the missionaries, both men and women, throughout the world, just as she accompanied the Apostles in the early stages of the Church".

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**Cluster Children:** The First Communion and Confirmation Class at St. Christopher's Parish recently had a successful bake sale to benefit the children of Haiti. Children do a lot of good things right here at our churches in Portland. Children should tell their news to their parish secretary or bulletin editor so that it can be told to the whole Cluster. Then everyone would know what good things children can do.

For more information, visit the Web site [www.cluster21portland.org](http://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.

Seek first the  
Kingdom of God

Director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. Sponsored by the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Community Alliance of Southern Maine.

**May 25, 2008, Sunday, Corpus Christi Feast - Boze Cialo:** St. Louis Parish will be having only one Mass at 10:00 a.m., then following Mass there will be a procession with the Blessed Sacrament to 4 Altars outside the church. An annual tradition at St. Louis, all are welcome.

**June 2008**

**June 1, 2008, Plant Sale at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish, 11 a.m.:** An annual fundraiser. All proceeds are spent on the Church Garden at Sacred Heart.

**June 5, 2008, Thursday, Annual Golf Tournament:** Proceeds benefit Cathedral School. Contact the school for more information.

**June 14, 2008, Saturday, Disciples in Mission Reflection Day for Cluster 21:** A day of Reflection will be held from 9 am - 12:00 noon at Cathedral Guild Hall for those who participated in Disciples in Mission for Cluster 21. All parishioners are welcome.

**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](http://www.portlanddiocese.net). Online registration is available.

**June 24, 2008, Share a Flatbread Pizza for Haiti:** Sacred Heart / St. Dominic's Haiti Project will host their annual Flatbread Pizza dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. at Flatbread Company on Commercial Street by the Casco Bay Ferry Terminal. \$3.50 from every pizza sold between those

hours will benefit the Haiti Project. Enjoy a good pizza with friends, and do a good deed.

**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. For more information contact Marilyn Foster, 854-1199. Your parish office has a copy of the itinerary, costs 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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:salvatorebonetti@yahoo.com) or 939-6755.

**Other volunteer opportunities:** Volunteer opportunities exist in every parish. Lead the way, and contact your parish office.

**Why choose Cathedral School?** Imagine a place where children begin every day with scripture and prayer, 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](http://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](mailto:monnig@jesuits.net) or call him at 775-3032 x214.

**Cluster Corner**

The Cluster 21 Transitional Pastoral Council is currently working on several initiatives following a recent needs assessment. The areas are Evangelization/Catechesis, Business, and Communication. Within Evangelization/Catechesis the focus is on marriage prep, youth ministry, baptism prep and that which is already happening in our Cluster and surrounding towns. The business initiatives include an upcoming human resource audit, learning how to share expenses as a cluster, and the eventual hiring of a business manager. The communication focus is on maintaining the Cluster 21 Web site, the weekly Newsletter, and bulletin boards and hard copy notebooks in each church of documents that can be found on the Web site, and the possibility of holding some "town meetings."

These are some of the short term goals as our Cluster forms. Parishioners of all five parishes in Cluster 21 are encouraged to stay in touch with the news. If we become more and more familiar with our Cluster and each of our sister parishes, we can better work together to deepen our commitment to our individual parishes, while sharing our resources, energy and enthusiasm for the mission with others throughout the city and the Diocese.

More information about these events can be found at [www.cluster21portland.org](http://www.cluster21portland.org)

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