

NEWSLETTER

Pentecost Sunday - May 11, 2008

In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine

In and around Cluster 21

May 2008

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 11, 2008, Today is Mother's Day: May all mother's be blessed in a special way on this day, and every day, led by the care and affection of Mary, Most Blessed of all Mothers.

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

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 17/18, 2008, Bishop's Appeal: The special collection for the annual Bishop's Appeal begins on this day. Bishop Malone thanks us for our generosity of time, talent and treasure in past years, and asks for our continued generosity through pledges and



Veni Sancte Spiritus

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control."

Galatians 5, Verse 22

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prayers. For more than 35 years, Maine Catholics have responded to the call that is now called the Bishop's Appeal. Just as our local dollars support our local churches, we are asked to make a place in our hearts for the Diocesan church as our way of assisting the special needs of churches all around the Diocese. Learn more about the Bishop's Appeal at the Diocesan Web site, www.portlanddiocese.net.

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 Director of the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine. Sponsored by the

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Maine priest goes to World Youth Day

Msgr. Marc Caron, co-chancellor for the diocese has been selected as the Reconciliation Manager for World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney, Australia. He will be responsible for organizing priests and supervising the reconciliation sites (confessionals) during the six-day event. Msgr. Caron's proficiency in French was particularly important in his selection for the position.

World Youth Day (WYD) is the largest youth event in the world and will be held from Tuesday, July 15 to Sunday July 20. Organized by the Catholic Church, WYD brings together young people from around the globe to celebrate and learn about their faith. It will be the largest event ever hosted by Australia, attracting over 125,000 international visitors - more than the 2000 Olympics, and it will be the pope's first visit to Australia.

Children's Corner:

May 11 is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is a day to celebrate in a special way the gift of the Holy Spirit, the One that reminds us of everything that is good.

Red is the color that reminds us of the Holy Spirit.

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.

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.

May 26, 2008, Monday, Memorial Day Mass: The annual outdoor Mass for deceased Veterans and family members will be held at 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 26th at its usual location in the St. Dominic/Armed Forces section of New Calvary Cemetery, South Portland. Rev. Michael P. Gendreau will be the principal celebrant and homilist. In the event of rain, the Mass will be held in St. John the Evangelist Church on Main Street, South Portland at the same time. Limited chairs are available so bring lawn chairs if you wish. This event is sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Church in cooperation with Conroy-Tully Crawford Funeral Homes and Cremation Services.

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. Online registration is available.

June 24, 2008, Share a Flatbread Pizza for Haiti: \$3.50 from every pizza sold between those hours will benefit Sacred Heart / St. Dominic's Haiti Project. Enjoy a good pizza with friends, and do a good deed. 5 to 9 p.m. at Flatbread Company on Commercial Street by the Casco Bay Ferry Terminal.

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. Each parish office has, or can obtain a copy of the itinerary, costs and registration form.

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.

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.

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.

Cluster Corner

On Friday, May 2, the Diocesan Office of Parish Planning for Evangelization presented "Evangelization Day" for parishes and clusters throughout the Diocese. Several hundred people gathered together at St. John's in Bangor to share experiences of the New Evangelization in their cluster and around the state.

After the opening prayer, Bishop Malone began with a reflection about the pastoral plan of the Diocese. He said that two broad elements of the plan are 1) the reorientation of parishes into clusters, and 2) the essential mission of the Church, which is evangelization.

Doing the first to become more effective at the second, Bishop Malone said that *Disciples in Mission* is the heartbeat of this effort.

Bishop Malone pointed out that the default in most clusters is that we're still working with the nuts and bolts phase of our plans, with the challenge particular to each cluster.

Bishop Malone said that we are preparing ourselves in the real world of our resources, potentials and goals, to do with greater creativity and effectiveness, the mission.

Breakout sessions included one on Business, Finance, Administration and Human Resources, one on Catechetics, Initiation and Youth Ministry, and one on Catholic Schools.

Next week, "Cluster Corner" will continue with more details about the sessions.



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