

NEWSLETTER



Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception St. Peter Sacred Heart / St. Dominic St. Christopher St. Louis

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 1, 2008, Plant Sale at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish, 11 a.m.: Only one week away for this annual fundraiser. All proceeds are spent on the Church Garden at Sacred Heart.

June 5, 2008, Thursday, Annual Golf Tournament: 12 Noon shotgun scramble, BBQ dinner after golf. Golfers of all abilities are invited to register. Putting contest, raffle prizes and more. \$80 per golfer, \$320 for a foursome. This is an important benefit for Cathedral School here in Cluster 21. Go to www.cathedraportland.com or call (207) 775-1491.

June 8, 2008, Sunday, Protecting God's Children: This training session will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish on the corner of Sherman and Mellen Streets in Portland.

Cluster 21's facilitator is Christine Thibeault. To register, please call the Parish Office at 772-6182.

June 9 - 13, 2008, SPEAKING OF SAINTS: Susan Conroy, nationally renowned author and speaker from South Portland will appear on "Speaking of Saints" each of four evenings on EWTN. Susan spent a summer volunteering at Mother Teresa's house for the destitute and dying in Calcutta, and while there, developed a lasting friendship with Mother Teresa herself. Don't miss Speaking of Saints: Mother Teresa of Calcutta, June 9-13 on EWTN!

*Seek first the
Kingdom of God*

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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.

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of Portland, Maine*

In and around Cluster 21

May 2008

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, Ordination Mass at Cathedral: Paul Murray will be ordained to the transitional diaconate. 10 a.m.

*Most Holy Body and Blood
May 25, 2008*

Cluster Corner

This week our focus continues on the Business / Finance / Administration / Human Resources session of the May 2 Diocesan Evangelization Day held at St. John's in Bangor for clusters throughout the state. In addition to Dave Twomey and Peter McPartland, short talks were given by Teresa Schulz, Human Resources Director for the Diocese, and Fr. Phil Tracy, administrator of Corpus Christi Parish.

Teresa's role is to support the human resource maintenance and management of approximately 1500 employees across the state. Her human resources role is to provide guidance, support and direction to pastors, business coordinators, and pastoral life coordinators. She has direct contact with employees in her employee relations role. Teresa deals

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Children's Corner:

Jesus would like us to understand how much He wants to be with us always. What better way than to be just like our food that makes us strong and healthy? When we share the Eucharist together, we are sharing the life of Jesus within others.

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 24-27, 2008, Vacation Bible School at St. Peter's Church: Discover Jesus' miraculous power at Vacation Bible School. Held from 9 a.m. to noon daily, the theme will be "Science Lab/Jesus' Miracles." Participants will be preschool to 5th grade; 6th grade and up as crew leaders and junior crew leaders; adults as station leaders. St. Peter's has been hosting a Vacation Bible School (VBS) program for several years and each year our children (and the adults!) have a great time singing, dancing, and learning about God's great gifts! To register as a volunteer or crew leader, or to register children as participants, please click the VBS link on the Faith Formation page of St. Peter's web site (www.stpeterschurchportland.org) or call or e-mail Rachel Johns, Director, at 854-2797 or rajohns01@hotmail.com. For a look at what VBS is, please visit www.groupvbs.com and click on the Power Lab icon.

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.

August 7-9, 2008: In partnership with The North American Forum the Diocese of Portland will present "The Initiation Experience: Beginnings" for all who are interested in learning about implementing a strong RCIA program in their parish. 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.

Friday, October 17, 2008 Cathedral School gala fundraising event! Hundreds of fantastic auction items will be up for bid...Remember, you can Christmas shop with us AND support Cathedral School at the same time! 775-1491.

Ongoing in 2008 in Cluster 21

Struggling with Alcohol/ Drug Issues? Catholic Charities of Maine Counseling Services offers confidential substance abuse and mental health counseling for those experiencing problems and/or family members needing assistance. Immediate appointments available. Walk-ins welcome. Mon-Fri 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 250 Anderson Street, Portland, or call 775-5671.

Volunteer opportunities: Volunteer opportunities exist in every parish. Lead the way, and contact your parish office to find out how to help.

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. For information about Cathedral School, go to <http://www.cathedralportland.com/>

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

Cumberland County Jail Catholic Ministry: To become involved in this important volunteer ministry,

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mostly with people in each parish with formal HR responsibility, working to manage and improve employee benefit packages, and similar ways of meeting the needs of employees and parishes. Much of her work these days deals with helping people in the parishes get ready to reorganize.

Fr. Phil Tracy, administrator of Corpus Christie Parish, shared his experiences with reorganization and all the administrative challenges and achievements we all face. He made an interesting observation about our shared challenge as we walk the journey as a Diocesan Church. If the standard measure of one HR person is for 200 people, and we have one HR person for 1500 people, consider that priests are generally one per 15,000. He pointed out the need to have business coordinators to carry the load and be on the same wavelength as the Office of Finance, having to concern the priests less and less with administrative matters.

Realizing our limitations and working together will make us a stronger Church, even as we face these challenges in our Cluster, and in the workplace.

Next week, Cluster Corner will continue with some important observations about the administrative reorganizations taking place in the Diocese.

More information about Cluster 21 events can be found online at www.cluster21portland.org

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