

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

In and around Cluster 21

June 2008

June 7/8, 2008, Today's Special Collection for Seminarians & Ecclesias- tical Students:

This weekend, Transitional Deacon Aaron Damboise of Augusta is being ordained to the priesthood as we take up the Diocesan Seminarian Collection. This collection helps defray the costs of seminarian education for men like Fr. Robert Lupo, ordained just a few weeks ago, for the six men still preparing for the priesthood, and for eleven men now preparing to be Deacons. Please be generous in support of the priests and deacons of the future. Other seminarians are Roger Berube, Auburn; John D. Dickinson, South Berwick; Kyle L. Doustou, Wales; Andrew J. Durand, Farmingdale; Jonathan Hoffman, Jefferson; Paul Murray, Westwood MA; and Jonathan Spera, Camden.

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. June 9-13 on EWTN!

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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 pre-school to 5th grade; 6th grade and up as crew leaders and junior crew 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

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*Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
June 8, 2008*

Cluster Corner

Are we going the right way? Last week we looked at the surprises people have found in clustering throughout the Diocese, and the first 25 of the "what ifs." Here are the rest of the visioning statements that came from all of the participants.

26. What if vocations enjoyed a cultural explosion?
27. What if communities were social justice centers?
28. What if clustering were a gathering of members around social events?
29. What if Faith Formation staff are all well-educated?
39. What if we had a real commitment to ongoing adult education?
40. What if we invited a finance person to come to cluster meeting to guide us?
41. What if we educate all parents to be educators of their children?
42. What if every Catholic lived Stewardship?
43. What if there were more vocations and more priests?
44. What if we trusted God to let clustering happen?

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Children's Corner:

Jesus tells us today that by loving God and being kind to everyone, we can be a good example even to people who do wrong things, so they can learn to do right things instead.

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.

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.

Save these important dates:

August 7-9, 2008: The Initiation Experience: Beginnings" for all who are interested in learning about implementing a strong RCIA Tuition is \$225 per person. Early Bird Deadline, June 7, 2008. Registration information is available through your local parish office.

September 10, 2008: Public Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new *Mercy at the Fore*. <http://www.mercyhospital.org/mercyfore/>.

September 17, 2008: Third annual Silent Auction at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish to benefit the mission and ministry of the parish. Watch for more details.

Friday, October 17, 2008 Cathedral School gala fundraising event! Hundreds of fantastic auction items will be up for bid...Call 775-1491 for more information.

Community News

Help Wanted - Pastoral Care Assistant: Part-time, 16 hours per week, position available working with the elderly. Hours are 12:30 to

4:30 p.m. including every other Saturday. Please apply to: Sr. Judith McNamara, St. Joseph's Manor, 1133 Washington Ave., Portland. 797-0600. Fax 797-2782.

Struggling with Alcohol/ Drug Issues? Confidential substance abuse and mental health counseling. Immediate appointments available. Walk-ins welcome. Catholic Charities Maine, 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.

Catholic Education Rules! Imagine a place where children begin every day with scripture and prayer, and where Jesus is the role model of behavior. Visit or call Cathedral School. 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.

Teens: Trained Leaders for Today's Church ~ Youth and Adult applications accepted. Financial Aid/Scholarships are available. Contact CLI/ ACLI Director Veronica Carbonneau the Chancery for more information, 207-773-6471. Christian Leadership Institute (CLI) July 27 - August 1, 2008 and the Advanced Christian Leadership Institute (ACLI) July 28 - July 31, 2008.

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- 45. What if there were more emergency ministries among parishes to help other churches in the Diocese?
- 46. What if we could help people in our parishes to discover their gifts and ask them to come forward and share them?
- 47. What if we had adequate adult training?
- 48. What if we had a regional high school?
- 49. What if we all become evangelizers, an example to others, and bring others to faith?
- 50. What if the Diocese made a commitment to go green?
- 51. What if Barbara Smith didn't retire?
- 52. What if there were volunteers at each parish to help people discern gifts?
- 53. What if we had a green product to raise money?
- 54. What if we had a TV program to help dispel myths about the Catholic faith, with Bishop Malone as the star?
- 55. What if we had a good sound system?
- 56. What if we rented out all our vacant buildings?
- 57. What if we had a youth ministry model?
- 58. What if we had a Faith Life Commission that supported people

- during crisis or celebration moments?
- 59. What if we had Cluster sports competitions?
- 60. What if there were fewer Mass times offered, fuller congregations and better quality liturgies?
- 61. What if every parish and school had an endowment fund?
- 62. What if we turned the Cathedral into a windmill since there is plenty of wind there?
- 62. What if we had 1 human resources staff person for each 200 employees?
- 63. What if we had a lay ecclesial ministry office?
- 64. What if we...

This was a fun exercise for the participants, but it was a serious exercise too. There appeared to be no one in that room that didn't take dreaming to heart when thinking about their own parish and cluster.

There is a time and a season even for dreaming and visioning, and there is a time for action and change. As we think of Cluster 21, the Portland Peninsula and Island's of Portland Harbor, what are our "what if's" ...?

Send your "what if?" ideas to the Cluster 21 Pastoral Council in care of your parish office, or drop them in your parish's collection basket. *Dare to dream!*

Attention Men ~ Kairos is a group of men (many are retired) who twice a year go up to the Maine State Prison in Warren, Maine, and spend a weekend with prisoners. To learn more about Kairos, call

Fr. McKenna at 775-1084 or call Dan Roy at 549-5684, or visit Kairos on the Web at www.kairosprisonministry.org.

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

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