

NEWSLETTER



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

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

In and around Cluster 21

**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, 2008
HAPPY FATHER'S
DAY!**

June 19-22, 2008 International Eucharistic Congress (IEC) in Quebec City: The theme of the 2008 International Eucharistic Congress will be "The Eucharist, Gift of God for the Life of the World." This experience of faith will be held in a festive atmosphere, with believers of all ages coming together from every part of the world. The Congress pilgrims will gather for a week of celebrations at the "Eucharistic City" (ExpoCité) where most of the Congress events will take place. The Program includes a variety of celebrations, catecheses, and religious and artistic activities, for both Congress pilgrims and the general public. FMI, please see the following link: <http://www.cei2008.ca/>

Holy House in our Parish: In our own diocese, we are asked to pray for the success of the Congress and to participate in opportunities to reflect on

Holy Hours for Cluster 21 in Portland June 16 - 20, 2008, in prayerful support of the Eucharistic Congress taking place at that time

Monday, June 16

St. Peter's 7:00 a.m. Mass - followed by a Holy Hour from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 17th

Cathedral 12:15 p.m. Mass - followed by a Holy Hour from 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18th

St. Christopher 6:00 p.m. Mass - followed by a Holy Hour from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 19th

St. Louis 6:30 p.m. Mass - followed by a Holy Hour from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, June 20th

Sacred Heart / St. Dominic 5:15 p.m. Mass - followed by a Holy Hour from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

the gift of the Eucharist. In Cluster 21, there will be a special Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in each of our five parishes. The schedule is shown on the front page of this Newsletter. Let's take the opportunity to gather together at these special times next week that have been set aside to adore the Lord.

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, "VBS" Vacation Bible School at St. Peter's Church: Discover Jesus' miraculous power at Vacation Bible School. Held from 9 a.m.

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*Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
June 15, 2008*

Cluster Corner

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Mt 9:36-38

How are we to think about these crowds that are troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd? Where do each of us fit into this story? Where does our Parish and our Cluster fit into this story? Parish / Cluster ministry at any level can be daunting. Do we suppose that we know without a doubt who is who in this magnificent story?

One way to consider the crowd is those who do not know the Lord. Are they those who don't know the care He has for us, and the direction He gives to us?

What of the crowd, though,

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Children's Corner:

This week, the Gospel teaches us that as Jesus is our shepherd, we should become shepherds for others, leading them the right way.

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.

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 26, 2008, Thursday: The Auxiliary to Mercy Hospital will hold its annual Fashion Show at the Marriott at Sable Oaks in South Portland. The Auxiliary is a dedicated group of individuals who support Mercy Health System through their contribution of time, talent and service providing \$80,000 annually. This year's event will feature cancer survivor models with a "Celebrating Life" theme. Women's fashions will be provided by Benoit's, Carlisle Collection, Saco Bay Classics, Serendipity, Simply You, and Simply You Too. Men's fashions will be provided by Benoit's, Joseph's, and S%K Famous Brands. Ticket's \$40 pp or \$500 Reserved Table of Ten (includes dinner). All proceeds from this event will benefit The Oncology-Hematology Center at Mercy. Call the Development Office for a reservation. 879-3486.

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 Beupre: 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.

July 12, 2008, Saturday, Celebrate Life! Walk: Join Pro-Life Maine this summer... Support and Celebrate the Gift of Life! Join family, friends, and community leaders as we Walk for Life! Only 2 Miles! Anyone can participate! Go Green For Life! Take a heart-healthy Walk. It's easy! It's fun. Help build the Culture of Life—one step at a time. Don't just "talk the talk". Now you can "walk the Walk!" Proceeds benefit unborn babies and their moms—love them both! Join with hundreds of joyful, proliferators across Maine on Saturday, July 12, 2008. For more information contact Team Leader Mary Ibrahim at 838-8095 or e-mail marykiely1@yahoo.com. Maine Right to Life Committee, PO Box 257 Auburn, ME 04212 phone 782-0101.

July 28 - 31, 2008, Advanced Christian Leadership Institute: Presented by the Office of Youth Ministry, this this is a nationally

recognized leadership training camp for youth and adults that has been offered in Maine for over 20 years. Registration deposits are due July 1st. For more information, call Veronica Carbonneau at 594-5019. Scholarships are available.

Dates to Save:

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*. www.mercyhospital.org/mercyfore/.

September 14, 2008: Redemptorist Mission retreat intended to complement the goals and objectives of Disciples in Mission as we move forward with our evangelizing mission. Watch for more details.

September 27, 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.

Seek first the Kingdom of God

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that gathers whenever people gather to plan and to do our labors, but mistakenly thinks that each one is the only one working?

What is Jesus saying to us when He tells us to ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for the field? Who will those laborers be?

Has any of us ever grumbled for being the only one working the field?

Perhaps we are all part of a vast crowd that Jesus looks on today with pity, and with love, and with compassion. Perhaps he is saying to each one of us to ask for those laborers. Perhaps the master of the harvest has chosen each of us to be one of those laborers. Perhaps we just need to stop for a moment, lift our heads and look around at each other in our various labors, and just thank the Lord for sending so many.

Now, let's get back to work!

Community News

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.

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.



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