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of Portland, Maine*

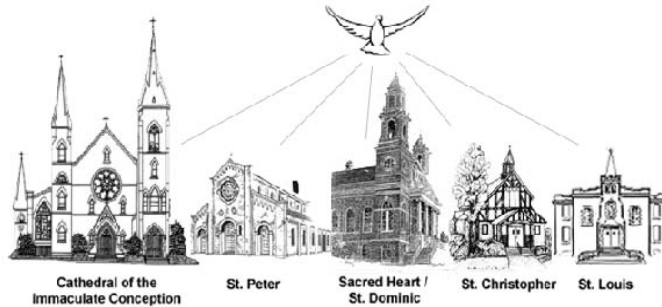
NEWSLETTER

*Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
June 29, 2008*

In and around Cluster 21

July 5, 2008, Saturday:
2008 St. Christopher Church Fair, Peaks Island, 11:00 AM~2:00 PM, Lobster Roll Lunch, Hot Dogs & Hamburgers, Raffle Tables, Silent Auction, Baked Goods Table, White Elephant Table, Kid's Games, Horse Rides, and much more! From the Ferry, go left at the top of hill & go past Plante's Gas & Laundry & take the right on to Central Ave. (About 5 minutes from the dock!)

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 we can "walk the Walk!" Proceeds benefit unborn babies and their moms—love them both! Join with hundreds of joyful, pro-lifers across Maine on Saturday, July



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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 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.

Teachers Needed:
Cathedral School is seeking teachers for the 2008-2009 school year. The school is presently accepting applications for two full-time middle school (Grades 6-8) teachers, with a concentration in math and/or science primarily. If interested, please contact: Sister Theresa Rand, Principal, Cathedral School, 14 Locust Street, Portland, ME 04101, Telephone: 775-1491 (school), 774-3153 (home), E-mail: strand@maine.rr.com.

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Cluster Corner

When we were first faced with the possibility of coming together as a cluster, we have to admit there was a range of reactions expressed. What would this mean for our communities, we all asked? We're still not entirely sure, but one thing is certain, those who have gathered in various ways as Cluster 21 have a lot of positive things to say.

Thirty-six people attended the recent Disciples in Mission Day of Reflection. They broke into 6 focus groups to brainstorm and discuss ways to continue the momentum started in our Cluster during Lent.

The primary goal of the day was to discover how "to bring about in all Catholics such an enthusiasm for their faith that,

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Children's Corner:

St. Peter and St. Paul are examples for us of trust in Jesus, each in their own 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.

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. Registration information is available through each Parish Office throughout Cluster 21.

September 6, 2008: The annual yard sale to benefit the Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish Haiti Project. More info soon.

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 is 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. An fun annual event. Watch for more details.

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

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, cal 1-800-470-2230, or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

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/>

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.

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.

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/>

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in living their faith in Jesus, they freely share it with others."

Thirteen objectives to that goal were presented, with each small group focusing on two objectives. These objectives included fostering an experience of conversion in individuals and their parishes, an appreciation of God's Word in the lives of all Catholics, making the evangelizing dimension of Sunday Eucharist more explicit, fostering an appreciation of the presence of Christ in all of the Sacraments, the power of God's Word in our worship, an even deeper sense of prayer among Catholic people, a renewed understanding of the faith among Catholics, a sense of discipleship, active and personal religious experience through participation, the domestic church within households, spirituality for the workplace, and a greater appreciation of cultural and ethnic spirituality.

These topics and the feedback they produced cannot be captured in a day, or in a single Newsletter column. Stay involved. Engage with the conversation. Together, we'll do good things.



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