

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

NEWSLETTER

*Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 6, 2008*

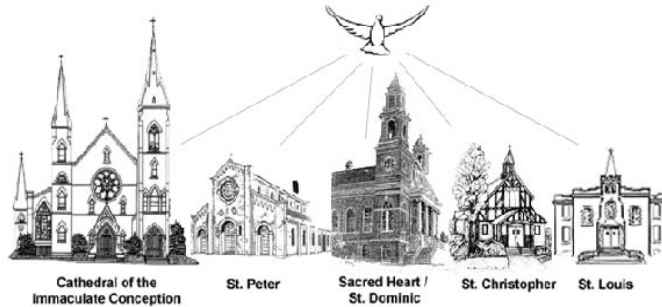
In and around Cluster 21

Celebrating the Sacraments

Last Sunday, in addition to two baptisms, twelve children at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish received the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Close to 80 children received these sacraments at the Cathedral in May. Congratulations to all of them, and to our Cluster, ever alive with new life in Christ's love!

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 12, 2008. For more information contact Team



**“Come to me, all you who
labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”**

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,
Teens: Trained Leaders
for Today's Church**
~ Youth and Adult applications accepted until July 14th. Financial Aid/Scholarships are available. Contact CLI/ACLI Director Veronica Carbonneau at 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.

Help wanted Teachers

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.

*Promote Catholic
Education*

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BENEDICT XVI'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY

VATICAN CITY, 1 JUL 2008 (VIS) - Pope Benedict's general prayer intention for July is: "That there may be an increase in the number of those who, as volunteers, offer their services to the Christian community with generous and prompt availability".

His mission intention is: "That the World Youth Day held in Sydney, Australia, may awaken the fire of divine love in young people and make them sowers of hope for a new humanity".

**BXVI-PRAYER INTENTIONS/
JULY/... Vatican Information
Service (VIS 080701 (90)**

Children's Corner:

Today, Jesus teaches us that knowing and loving God is like opening the best present we ever got. Well, He *is* the best present we ever got!

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.

**August 7 - 9, 2008
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. Registration deadline is July 10.

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. A fun annual event to be held directly following the 4 p.m. Mass.

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



A message from St. Peter's 2008 Vacation Bible School staff:

A huge VBS THANK YOU to our 17 student volunteers who really showed their maturity, love for Jesus, and gifts of the Holy Spirit; to our 8 adult volunteers who took time from their summer to share their talents and joy; to our 52 participants (pre-K to grade 5) who had a great week at Power Lab making slime, walking on "non-Newtonian" fluid (a.k.a. goo!), making edible experiments, and learning about Jesus' miraculous power in a variety of super fun ways; and to the countless caregivers who gave their time to provide rides for everyone! We also collected more than 30 play/sports items to be passed on to a local charity and we will send 52 books explaining soccer and Jesus to African children—what a difference kids can make in our world! Thank you to everyone!

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/>

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.

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.

*In God
We Trust*

Cluster Corner

continued from last week...

Continuing on the theme of the recent Cluster 21 Disciples in Mission Reflection Day, here are some observations offered toward the goal of making the evangelizing dimension of Sunday Eucharist more explicit.

- ◆ Greeters make a huge difference.
- ◆ Make personal contact with those who are new or less involved.
- ◆ Outreach to strangers.
- ◆ Foster a sense of community.
- ◆ Remember that this is what Mass is about.
- ◆ Reliance on the strength of community during hard times, and in times of need, especially for care givers.
- ◆ Emotional and spiritual support for each other.
- ◆ Speak to others
- ◆ The way the Eucharist is served by the minister is important.
- ◆ Listen to what we say as a community with one voice.
- ◆ Mass is a prayer from beginning to end.

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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. www.kairosprisonministry.org



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