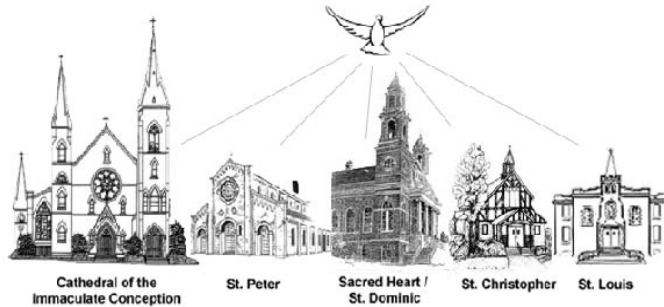


# NEWSLETTER



*Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
July 13, 2008*

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese  
of Portland, Maine*

## In and around Cluster 21

**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.

**August 6, 2008, 7 p.m.  
Natural Family Planning**  
Catholic Charities Maine  
Family Life Institute  
Services, will present an  
introductory session on  
Natural Family Planning,  
at St. Paul Center in  
Augusta. This July marks  
the 40th Anniversary of  
Humanae Vitae, Pope  
Paul VI's letter on Human  
Life. Natural Family  
Planning celebrates this  
beautiful and wholesome  
Church teaching on  
human love. Engaged  
and married couples are  
invited. Learn to manage  
fertility within the design  
for human happiness.  
Contact 1-800-CARE-  
002, ext 2626 or  
familylifeinstitute@  
ccmaine.org to register.

“Why do you  
speak to them  
in parables?”

**August 15, 16, 17,  
2008, The 83rd Annual  
St. Peter's Bazaar**  
**2008:** Come and enjoy  
the most important social  
& fundraising event of  
St. Peter's Church. The  
Bazaar weekend kicks  
off with St. Peter's signa-  
ture 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual 4 Mile  
Run on Friday. Enjoy a  
picturesque certified 4  
mile course around the  
Eastern Prom, starting  
and finishing at St.  
Peter's Church. The  
Children's Fun Run  
begins ½ hour before the  
race and parents are  
encouraged to walk or  
run with their children. On  
Saturday & Sunday St.  
Peter's Church will be  
celebrating ...

**The Assumption &  
Feast of St. Rocco.**  
For the past 82 years  
the parish has had the  
support of parishioners  
and their families to work  
and operate the booths  
where the whole community  
savors the incredible  
canolli, mouth watering  
ziti & meatballs, the  
most amazing sausage  
& peppers, homemade  
Italian cookies, and of  
course St. Peter's crowd  
pleasing pizza & delicious  
fried dough. St. Peter's  
parishioners, in order to  
get involved as a volunteer,  
please contact Mike or  
Sue Russo -774-6325,  
Ken Giaquinto – 775-9906,  
Mike Hutchins – 671-9706,  
Sue Bowden – 878-0196.

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## Cluster Corner

One objective of our  
cluster's work as Disciples  
in Mission is to foster an  
experience of conversion  
and renewal in the heart  
of every believer, leading  
to a more active living of  
Catholic life.

How often do we ask  
ourselves what that  
means. What is conversion  
if we are already Catholic?  
Perhaps it is that the  
operative word in that  
goal is "active." Are we  
active Catholics?

*Cluster Corner is  
continued on the reverse...*

## Children's Corner:

God's family is  
like soil in a  
big garden  
into which tiny  
seeds are  
planted every  
day. It's very  
important that  
we listen most  
carefully to  
Jesus in the  
Gospel so that  
our seeds can  
grow into good  
and tasty fruit.

For more information, visit the Web site [www.cluster21portland.org](http://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.*

**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/](http://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 24, 2008 Cathedral School gala fundraising event!**  
Hundreds of fantastic auction items will be up for bid. Help support our Cluster school. This will be a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping for a good cause. Call 775-1491 for more information.

*Promote  
Catholic  
Education*

## Community News

**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.

*Seek First the  
Kingdom of God*

**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](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

**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](http://www.kairosprisonministry.org).



### 2007 / 2008 Cluster 21 Pastoral Council

**Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**  
Rector: Msgr. Paul F. Stefanko, Parochial Vicar: Rev. Kevin Martin, Delegates: Dan Chuhta, Peter Lancia (chair)

**Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish**  
Pastor: Rev. Richard-D. Bertrand, S.J., Delegates: Ray Rier, Christine Thibeault

**St. Christopher's Parish**  
Pastor: Rev. Frederick H. Morse, Delegates: Peter Donnelly, Chris Hoppin.

**St. Louis' Church**  
Pastor: Rev. Ireneusz Chodakowski, M.I.C. Delegates: Penny Kinney, Paul Rowland.

**St. Peter's Parish**  
Administrator: Msgr. Paul F. Stefanko, Parochial Vicar: Rev. Kevin Martin Delegates: Peter Gribbin, Greg St. Angelo.

*Many thanks to the these generous individuals for their dedicated service over the past year. The council will begin meeting again in September to continue the implementation of the reorganization plan for our cluster.*

## Cluster Corner

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At the June 14 Reflection Day, members of our parishes considered some of the ways we have to renew our faith life, such as retreats, parish renewals, RENEW, the Cursillo movement, involvement in the charismatic renewal movement, youth encounter weekends, marriage encounter, and other programs of renewal and conversion. These are some of the ways we can take action to convert and renew our hearts.

In the parish, some of the ways we have is through the implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA), invitations for Catholics to serve as RCIA sponsors, and parish involvement in ministries of reconciliation.

Regardless of how each individual puts themselves in the path of renewal and conversion back to an enthusiastic expression of our Catholic faith, the one place we continue to come together as a single community is in the Eucharistic Feast, each one called to conversion by Christ himself.

Next week we'll explore some of the topics and materials our members have identified available to us to assist our journeys as individuals, and also as community.

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