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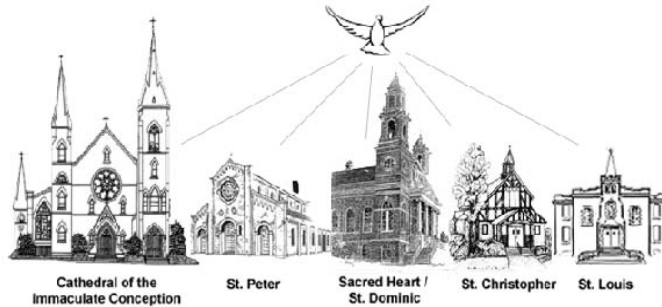
NEWSLETTER

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20, 2008*

In and around Cluster 21

July 22, 2008: The 8th Annual Memorial of St. Mary Magdalene "Celebration of Women in the Church" liturgy will be held in the St. Dominic Chapel of Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish located at 80 Sherman Street (on the corner of Sherman and Mellen). Marguerite Stapleton, Director of Missions at St. Mary Hospital in Lewiston will speak at the end of the liturgy, followed by a pot luck supper.

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.
August 15, 16, 17, 2008,



The mustard seed is the smallest of all the seeds,
yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.

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 signature 22nd 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.

Hour of Power will begin on July 23rd and continue every Wednesday from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, sponsored by VERITAS Young Adult Ministry of Portland. Eucharistic adoration with Praise

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Cluster Corner

Another area of focus at the June 14 Disciples in Mission Reflection Day was goals and strategies to foster an experience of conversion and renewal in every parish.

The small group focused on this goal saw an expanded implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) as key, as well as a wider invitation for Catholics to serve as RCIA sponsors. Also mentioned were parish involvement in ministries of reconciliation.

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Children's Corner:

Simple ideas, like tiny seeds, can grow up to be like huge trees. Sometimes our ideas get mixed up with some not so good ideas, but Jesus says to trust that we'll know what to do at the right time if we always follow Him in His 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.

and Worship. A priest will be available for Reconciliation.

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

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 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

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/>

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.

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.

Bishop Malone to Lead Prayer and Reflection at World Youth Day

Bishop Richard Malone has been selected to be among those leading English speaking youth in prayer and reflection during World Youth Day 2008. About 225,000 pilgrims are registered to attend World Youth Day which is being held in Sydney, Australia from July 15-20. It is the custom to begin this world meeting with three days of daily catechesis (religious instruction) guided by bishops.

Bishop Malone will also preside and be the homilist at the Masses following the catechesis. The three days of teachings are centered on the Holy Spirit, specifically that we are called to live in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Spirit, soul of the Church; and the Holy Spirit sent out into the world as the principal agent of mission.

World Youth Day is the largest youth event in the world. It brings together young people from around the globe to celebrate and learn about their faith. This event will mark the first visit by Pope Benedict XVI to Australia.

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The group went on to identify some of the topics and material content that assist the conversion and renewal process, such as examples from the Catechism, Bible study with others where historical, cultural and Catholic interpretations are discussed, the RCIA process itself, and social gatherings where the themes are Catholic fellowship as an informal opportunity for conversion and renewal.

Conversion and renewal of ourselves and our Church is an ongoing task. We have what we need to keep it going. Our work together is to find the gems we have, and learn over and over again to use them well.

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Maine has a delegation of 51 individuals (youth and chaperones) from Fort Kent to Wells planning to make the trip. Organizers expect 125,000 international visitors to the event, and up to a half million people are expected to attend the final Mass. The four official languages for World Youth Day 2008 are English, French, Italian and Spanish.

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