

NEWSLETTER

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

*Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2008*

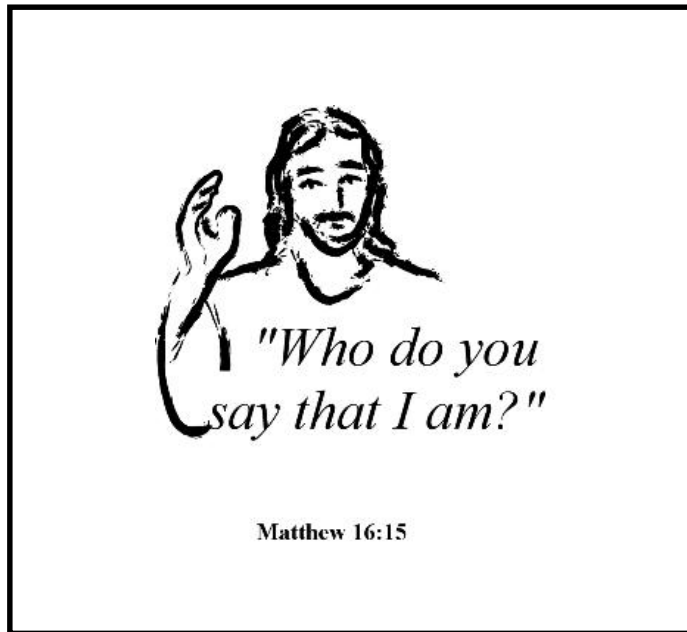
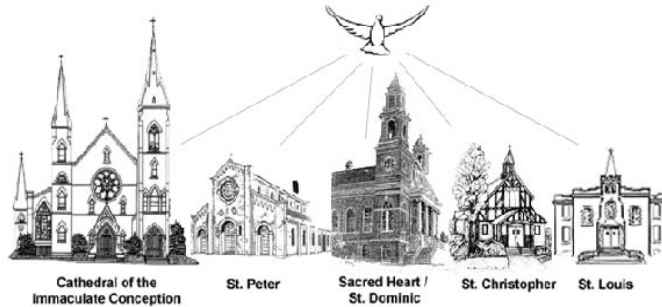
Gather Us: A Maine Mission

This fall Cluster 21 parishes will take part in a parish mission offered by the Redemptorist Fathers to complement the goals and objectives of Disciples in Mission. The mission is a series of presentations on the Word of God. Each evening is different, yet, each evening will consist of a proclamation of the Word, reflections, singing and praying together.

Who would you say our parish mission is for?

Our parish mission will be for those who have abandoned the faith of our youth. It is for on-again, off-again Catholics. It's for those who are wondering what's going on in the Church today. It's for those who have been faithful to our Catholic duties. Our parish mission will be for those of us who need to know more about how to pray, or for we who recognize our need for spiritual growth.

Whether we are saint or sinner, or something in between, the Parish



Mission will be an opportunity to experience in a special way the saving presence of God. The mission is for our entire parish and cluster family.

Continuing the mission

During Lent 2008, many of us found something in Disciples in Mission that we had

been missing, or maybe had not experienced as much as we would have liked. We met our friends and neighbors in faith, and we shared our stories.

As we continue this mission in our day to day lives, watch for more information about the mission in our Cluster. What better time to do it than now?

Our Cluster

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

St. Christopher

St. Louis

St. Peter

*Promote
Catholic Education*

Children's Corner:

It may take a long lifetime to learn how to tell others who Jesus is. Then one day we learn that He is the one that loves us and cares for us when we need it the most.

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.

September 2008

Saturday, September 6, 2008: The annual Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Yard Sale in support of the parish's Haiti Project is September 6, from 9 to 2, at the corner of Stevens and Ludlow--on the Deering High School lawn. For information about donating items to be sold, please call 773-6562.

Wednesday, September 10, 2008 Public Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the new Mercy at the Fore. For more information about this new hospital facility, go to <http://www.mercyhospital.org/mercyfore/>

Saturday, 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 in the Parish Hall.

October 2008

Friday, October 3, 2008 at 6 p.m., Dinner and Reception: Bishop Richard Malone will preside at a Mass to be held at the Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul, Lewiston, to which all are welcome, followed by a dinner-reception at the Martindale Country Club. A benefit for Guest House ministries for priests and religious

struggling with alcohol addiction, The featured guest speaker will be Maine storyteller, John McDonald. For more information, call Kathy Schiffer, Guest House's Director of Special Events, toll-free at 1-800-626-6910.

Sunday, October 5, 2008, 1 - 4 p.m., Cheverus High School Open House:

Prospective students and families interested in learning more about Cheverus are invited to an open house. The program begins with a 1 p.m. welcome from the President and Director of Admissions. Visiting students will attend mini-classes in core subjects as a part of their campus tour, and enjoy the opportunity to meet faculty, coaches and fellow Cheverus students. Parents can opt for presentations on curriculum, financial aid and visit with a parent-student-faculty panel for other questions. A colossal activities fair will run concurrently, featuring all of the school's extra-curricular clubs, organizations and teams. Enjoy the refreshments, see the 25-acre campus, and enjoy the music of the Cheverus Jazz Combo. See what Cheverus is all about!

Friday, October 17, 2008, 2nd Annual Harvest Ball:

Join Bishop Malone at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland at this benefit for Harvest Magazine. Dance to the music of The Tony Boffa Band and get in on the fun of the silent auction. Ticket price is \$60 per person or \$100 per couple for this black tie optional event. For details, visit www.portlanddiocese.org.

Friday, October 24, 2008 Cathedral School gala fundraising event!

Hundreds of fantastic auction items will be up for bid. Support our Cluster school, and do some Christmas shopping for a good cause at the same time. The event will be held at the Italian Heritage Center, doors open at 5:30 p.m. Call 775-1491 for more information.

Learn

Promote Catholic Education:

Our Cluster elementary school is rich in ethnic diversity, and has Jesus for a role model of behavior for living a life in justice and peace. Visit or call Cathedral School. For information, go to www.cathedralportland.com.

Catholic Charities Maine Child Care Openings:

The St. Elizabeth's Child Development Center, located in Portland, currently has openings for toddler care for children ages 18 months and up and preschool care to age 5. This nationally accredited program utilizes the nationally recognized "Creative Curriculum" in all areas of a child's development. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents who are seeking a safe and rewarding place for their children. To find out more or to request an application, please call the St. Elizabeth's Center at 871-7444.

Family

Telling Anew the Story of Marriage!

Our diocesan Marriage Preparation Guidelines have been updated (after more than 20 years). Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute will host a very special marriage conference at St. Paul's Center in Augusta on October 3rd. Anyone who is involved with or interested in Marriage Ministry is invited to come! There is a discount for couples attending. For more information and to register please call 1-800-CARE-002 ext. 2670, or e-mail: familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org.



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