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# NEWSLETTER

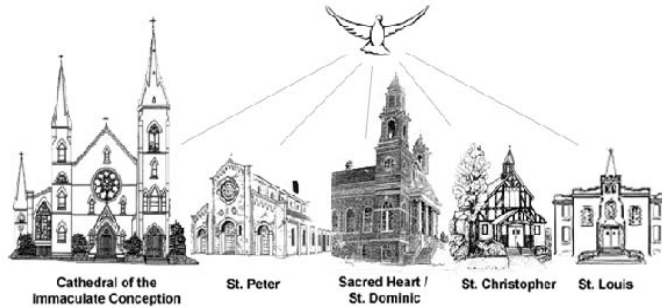
*Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 31, 2008*

## Hour of Power at St. Joseph's College

All are welcome to come and pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday evenings, usually at St. Peter's Church. On the first week of each month, the young adult group takes their ministry on the road. This Wednesday, September 3rd, they will be at St. Joseph's College in Standish.

Each Wednesday, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., the Hour of Power is an hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Praise and Worship and Benediction. People of all ages are welcome to come and adore the Lord! A priest is present to celebrate the Holy Hour and is also available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Anyone who has never been to the lovely campus at St. Joseph's College ought to make it a point to attend this special Hour of Power. September 10 will be back at St. Peter's Church. To offer



Lord, May we be transformed by the renewal of our minds.

musical talents or for more information, contact Becky at [hourofpowerportland@gmail.com](mailto:hourofpowerportland@gmail.com), or call Chris at 653-1429. Hour of Power is sponsored by VERITAS Young Adult Ministry of Portland.

**The annual Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Yard Sale for Haiti**  
This annual event will be held on 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.

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

**Third annual Silent Auction at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish** will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2008 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.

## Gather Us: A Cluster 21 Mission

During the weekend of September 20-21, two Redemptorist priests will be coming to our cluster Churches to speak about our Cluster Mission. The Mission evening sessions will be held from Sunday, September 21 through Thursday, September 25th, five nights, 7 p.m. each evening.

This mission retreat is for whoever has abandoned the faith of their youth, for on-again, off-again Catholics, for those who are wondering what's going on in the Church today, for those  
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**Children's Corner:**  
God doesn't think like we think, because God is thinking more about others than about Himself.

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.*

**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](http://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.

*Promote  
Catholic Education*

**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.

**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](mailto:familylifeinstitute@ccmaine.org).

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who have been faithful to our Catholic duties, for those of us who need to know more about how to pray, and for those of us 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 all of us.

Please reserve September 21 - 25 on your calendar and encourage family and friends to come and attend this retreat for our Cluster parishes. More details will be shared with a complete schedule in the coming weeks.

**Theology Underground Meetings for High School Youth:** Attention all High School Youth! Please come and join your peers for an evening of Faith and Fun. Each Thursday from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Cathedral we explore articles of our faith and reflect upon lives of the Saints. Schedule for the evening: 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. - Gather for social in Cathedral sacristy; 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Faith Sharing and Catechesis in Cathedral Crypt; 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Social in Sacristy. FMI, please contact Fr. Kevin at 773-0748.

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