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# NEWSLETTER

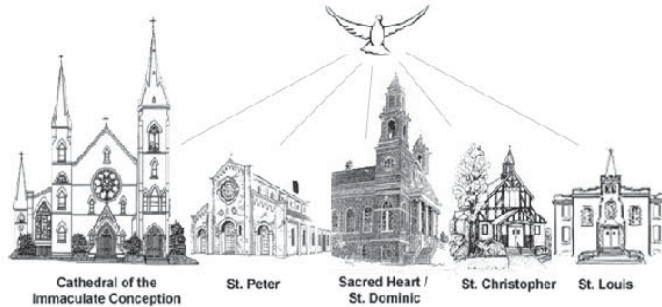
*Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
September 13/14, 2008*

## A Call to Disciples in Mission

Next week in our Cluster, we will embark together on a five day retreat presented to us by the Redemptorist Fathers. These are the Fathers that led us through "Disciples in Mission" during Lent. Now, with this Cluster mission retreat, "Find Your Treasure," we have a wonderful opportunity to really do in our small groups exactly what we discussed doing during Lent: inviting others, and sharing our faith.

In order to carry out the details of each of the mission services, much help is needed with only a week to go. Disciples in Mission groups are being asked to reconnect and "own" a small part of the overall mission.

Please reconnect with your small faith sharing group, invite others to join, and commit to attending all or many of the mission services together. Commit to helping with some meaningful action, giving back to our community some of what God has given to us. Answer the call with a Disciple's "yes!"



*Gather Us: A Maine Mission  
"Find Your Treasure"  
A Mission for Cluster 21*

[www.cluster21portland.org/findyourtreasure](http://www.cluster21portland.org/findyourtreasure)

### Mission Prayer

God our Father, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for all the many gifts you have given us through Jesus, your Son. We thank you especially for the gift of our Cluster Mission.

Loving and gracious God, quiet our minds and hearts, that we may be open to the gift of your Truth.

Grant that our Mission may be: a time of grace for all, a time of growth for the young, a time of refreshment for the old, a time of renewal for families, a time of healing for the broken, a time of joy for the sorrowing, a time of challenge for the complacent, a time of forgiveness for the sinner, a time of strength for the holy, a time of welcome for the newcomer, a time of homecoming for those who have been away.

Grant, Most Loving God, that our Mission may bring down your richest blessing on each and every member of our Cluster Community and our five parishes.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever. AMEN.

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.*

## Welcome to Cluster 21

This weekend, Cathedral Parish welcomes two Redemptorist priests and renowned preachers, Fr. Patrick Woods, C.Ss.R. and Fr. John McGowan, C.Ss.R. They will be with our other parishes next week to preach for our Cluster Mission from Sunday through Thursday, September 21st - 25th, 2008.

Father McGowan is presently the Director of San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, New Jersey. Father Woods is the Provincial Superior of the Eastern Redemptorist Province. We are indeed blessed to have these two fine priests visit our cluster, and we are pleased to welcome them and all visitors to our Cluster 21 Community.

## Children's Corner:

Jesus knows how hard it is sometimes to put the needs of others before our own, but that's just what he asks us to do. Most important, though, is that we would always do it with love and patience for each other.

### Mission Schedule

**Weekend of September 13-14**  
Fr. Pat will preach at the Cathedral Masses.

**Weekend of September 20-21**  
Fr. Pat and Fr. John will preach at St. Louis, St. Peter's, Sacred Heart-St. Dominic and St. Christopher's.

#### Daily Schedule Mon-Thu. September 22-25

- 7:00 a.m. Mass at St. Peter's Church
- 7:30 a.m. Reconciliation at St. Peter's
- 11:45 a.m. Instruction at Cathedral Chapel
- 12:15 p.m. Mass at Cathedral Chapel
- 12:45 p.m. Reconciliation at Cathedral

#### Sunday, September 21

•2:00 p.m. at Cathedral Parish Communal Anointing of the Sick Liturgy for all people in the five churches of Cluster 21.

#### EVENING MISSION: Jesus the Word

- 6:30 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Music
- 7-8:15 p.m. Mission Service
- 8:15-9 p.m. Reconciliation

#### Monday, September 22

No Evening Mass at St. Louis

#### EVENING MISSION: Jesus the Healer

- 6:30 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Music
- 7-8:15 p.m. Mission Service
- 8:15-9 p.m. Reconciliation



#### Tuesday, September 23

- 5:15 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish

#### EVENING MISSION: Jesus the Prayer

- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Reconciliation
- 6:30pm Rosary
- 6:45pm Music
- 7-8:15 p.m. Mission Service
- 8:15-9 p.m. Reconciliation

#### Wednesday, September 24

- 8:30 a.m. Children's Mass at Cathedral for School and families (all welcome!)
- 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Christopher
- 12:45-6:15 p.m.- Cathedral Chapel, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 5:15 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish
- 6:15 p.m. Benediction in Cathedral Chapel
- No Evening Mass at St. Louis or St. Christopher

#### EVENING MISSION: Jesus the Lord of Life

- 6:30 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Music
- 7-8:15 p.m. Mission Service
- 8:15-9 p.m. Reconciliation

#### Thursday, September 25

No Evening Mass at St. Louis  
No Evening Mass at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish

#### EVENING MISSION: Jesus, Son of Mary, Former of Community

- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Reconciliation
- 6:30 p.m. Rosary
- 6:45 p.m. Music
- 7:00-8:15 p.m. Mission Mass

### Remember these dates

**September 21-25, 2008**  
"Find Your Treasure"  
A Mission for Cluster 21  
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**September 27, 2008**  
Saturday, 5 p.m.  
Third annual Silent Auction at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish

**October 3, 2008**  
Catholic Charities' Telling Anew the Story of Marriage Conference for marriage ministry at St. Paul Center in Augusta.

**October 3, 2008**  
Friday, 6 p.m.  
Mass, Reception and Dinner with Bishop Malone, Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul.

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

**October 17, 2008**  
Friday evening  
2nd Annual Harvest Ball

**October 24, 2008**  
5:30 p.m., Friday  
Cathedral School gala fundraising event!

For information about any of these events, contact your parish office.

*Seek First the Kingdom of God*

### "Find Your Treasure" Mission Job Opportunities

*Here is an opportunity for small faith sharing groups, prayer groups, work groups and family groups to come together with concrete actions that worship God, and welcome and care for God's people. Please "apply" for one or more of these "jobs" to help make our mission a huge success, and a witness to God's love in our faith community.*

#### Communication

- Phone Calls
- Mailing cards/letters
- Inviting in person
- Posters and Flyers
- Outdoor Signs/Banner

#### Logistics

- Refreshments
- Shopping for supplies
- Babysitting
- Transportation

#### Liturgy

- Hospitality
- Environment
- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry

#### Feed the Hungry

- Prayer cards
- Visit the lonely, the sick, the homebound, and those in prison
- Bring food for the poor

*Find Your Treasure*

To apply, call 415-1979 or write to:  
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