

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

NEWSLETTER

*The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
January 10 & 11, 2009*

Disciples in Mission plan for Cycle B

January 1, 2009

A message from Fr. Kevin

Dear friends of Cluster 21:

Happy New Year! As we begin this New Year, I pray you are well.

*Loving God, Open our
Hearts to Jesus!*

Heartfelt thanks extend to all who helped organize and participated in our *Disciples in Mission* program in Cluster 21 for the 2008 Lenten Season. We had approximately 300 people participate in small groups, sharing the Sunday readings together. We have also received lots of great feedback from those who benefited from the experience.



Disciples in Mission: An Evangelization Experience is a three year program designed to help us reconnect with, and deepen our Catholic Faith. Last year was year A in the three year cycle of readings. We walked through the readings of Lent with each other in small prayer/discussion groups. This Lent we will do the same with the Cycle B readings.



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Everyone is invited to participate this year in the Second Year of the Disciples in Mission program.

The first year of the three year cycle, we were asked to think about ourselves as Church, and even deeper, our individual selves as Catholics. "Focusing on Year II or Cycle B Sunday Scripture Readings, this year we will be asked to think about others as we reach out beyond the boundaries of our parishes and our Cluster.

Lent 2009 is only seven weeks away and we are excited to offer once again this faith-based family and adult program for the second year. Every parish in the Diocese of Portland will be participating in *Disciples in Mission*, enabling families and individuals, teens and adults to explore the Sunday Scriptures and come together on a weekly basis for six weeks (between February 25 and April 5th, 2009) to share our Catholic faith.

Here in Cluster 21, we will be offering Disciples in Mission once again on a cluster-wide level, enabling parishioners from different churches and various cultures to come together to share our faith. This provides us with opportunities to grow in holiness, to become more welcoming, and to witness the love of Christ more consciously in our families, neighborhoods and workplaces.

During the weekends of **January 24 and 25** and **January 31 and February 1** in each of the five parishes of our cluster, everyone will be asked to sign-up to participate by being part of an adult faith-sharing group, a teen group, and/or participating as a family (parents and children).

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Children's Corner:
The gift of baptism is no less than the gift of life. Baptism is the gift of our own most perfect faith given to another person, in Jesus' name.

Find information about Cluster 21 at 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.

Disciples in Mission

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Some people within our parishes will be asked to become Small Group Facilitators. Please prayerfully consider participating in *Disciples in Mission*. How is God calling each of us to be involved?

Watch and listen for more information in the coming weeks, or speak to with one of the parish priests about taking a leadership role. Know this one thing for sure, there is a special place for each and every one of us.

God Bless You!

Fr. Kevin J. Martin

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Disciples in Mission Schedule for Lent 2009

January 24-25:

Sign-up Sunday one

January 31-Feb. 1:

Sign-up Sunday two

First Week of February

Confirm small group leaders and assign people to small groups

February 14-15 and

February 21- Distribution of Materials in Parishes

Ash Wednesday - February 25

1st Sunday of Lent - March 1

2nd Sunday of Lent - March 8

3rd Sunday of Lent - March 15

4th Sunday of Lent - March 22

5th Sunday of Lent - March 29

Palm Sunday - April 5th

Easter Sunday - April 12th

Cathedral School's 200 Club. Support our Cluster 21 elementary school with an annual membership: \$50 if paid before January 15, 2009; \$60 after January 15, or \$5 per month. To register, send a card that says, "Yes, I want to be a Cathedral School 200 Club Member" along with your name, address and telephone number to Cathedral School, 14 Locust St. Portland, ME 04101. Make check payable to "Cathedral School 200 Club. Seven winners are drawn monthly!

Promote Catholic Education

Catholic Schools Week

All are welcome to **celebrate the opening of Catholic Schools Week with us by attending the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, January 25 at the Cathedral.** Many of our students will be there and taking part in the liturgy.

Retrouvaille: Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. The next weekends are January 16-18 and March 20-22, 2009. Find out more at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Weekend Mass Schedule in Cluster 21

Reconciliation - Saturday

- 3:00 - 3:30 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic
- 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. St. Peter
- 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Cathedral
- 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. St. Louis

Reconciliation - Sunday and other times

- 12:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic (Spanish)
- St. Louis during the week following Daily Mass

Saturday Masses

- 9:00 a.m. St. Louis (first Saturday of the month, for the Immaculate Heart of Mary)
- 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic
- 4:00 p.m. St. Peter
- 4:30 p.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 5:00 p.m. St. Louis

Sunday Masses

- 8:00 a.m. St. Peter
- 8:30 a.m. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 9:00 a.m. St. Louis, (Polish Mass)
- 9:45 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic, with choir
- 10:00 a.m. Cathedral, with choir
- 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher
- 10:30 a.m. St. Peter
- 11:00 a.m. St. Louis
- 12:00 p.m. Cathedral Chapel (Latin Mass)
- 12:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic, (Spanish Mass)
- 5:00 p.m., Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
- 6:00 p.m., Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

January 17, 2009, Saturday, Augusta, Maine, Hands Around the Capitol: For the 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, held by the Maine Right to Live Committee. This year marks the 36th Anniversary. Bishop Malone will celebrate Mass at 10 a.m. at St. Mary's Church on Western Avenue in Augusta, followed by the rally. Support is needed.

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are accepting registrations for the 2009 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. For more information, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or email mdrumm@diocamps.org, or visit www.diocamps.org. Please don't wait as sessions do fill up quickly.

Living Water Spiritual Center has released their February 2009 programs and retreats, including "Immigration and the Spirituality of Hospitality," "Forgiving and Letting Go," and "A Modern Prophet of Compassion." Learn more by calling the retreat center at 872-2370, or visit www.retreatinmaine.com.

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