

NEWSLETTER

In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 7/8, 2009

World Day for Consecrated Life, February 8, 2009

In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole Church.

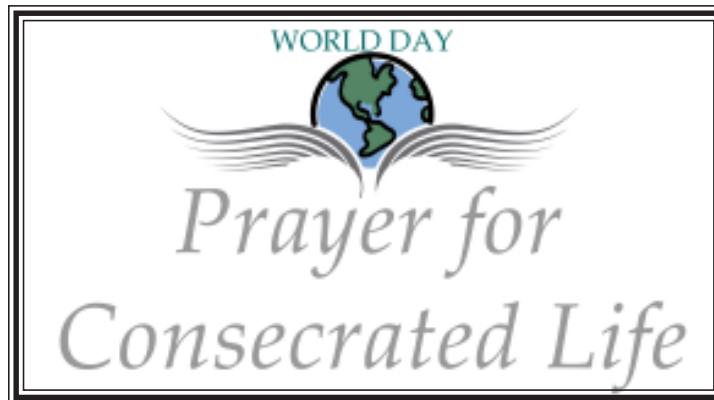
Parishes and clusters throughout the Diocese of Portland celebrated the day on the weekend closest to that day, January 31 / February 1. In other parts of the world, it is being celebrated this weekend on February 8.

Let's take this opportunity to celebrate the lives of men and women religious and to acknowledge their dedication and the great gift they bring to the Church.

JESUS CHRIST is the same
YESTERDAY and TODAY
and FOREVER.



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Preparing for Marriage? Our Cluster-wide Marriage Prep program ("Unitas") is starting soon for couples seeking marriage preparation. This is a time tested program that has benefited many couples over the years. Sessions will held in Cathedral Guild Hall at 6 p.m. on the following dates: March 8, March 15, March 22, Mar. 29, Apr. 5, Apr. 19, and Apr. 26. For more information, contact Steve & Kathy Beime at 772-2968.

Retrouvaille: Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. The next weekend is March 20-22, 2009. Find out more at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Invest in your Marriage and reap the benefits... Sign up now for a *Marriage Encounter* weekend on March 20-22 in Lewiston. Contact Dave & Ellie at 207-933-4237 or go to www.wmmeNewEngland.org.

Want to Share in Jesus' Healing Ministry? To all those who are compassionate, non-judgmental, hospitable, and comfortable reaching out to those experiencing broken relationships or major losses like divorce, God may be calling you to minister to the divorced in our Church. Catholic Charities Maine Family Life Institute will host a 2 day training program this spring for new Divorce & Beyond group facilitators. If you have been divorced at least two years and think you might be ready to be a facilitator, please contact Bill Wood at 1-800-CARE-002, ext. 2672, or e-mail bwood@ccmaine.org

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.

"This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15)



As Lent approaches, our parish and cluster is preparing for *Disciples in Mission*. There is still some time to participate in one of these groups. Language groups can be formed, so that language is not a barrier. For more information, ask around, or call your parish office.

Forms are available in the Church, and on the Web at: www.cluster21portland.org/disciplesinmission.htm

Visit the Web site to learn more, or speak with the disciples in our midst. Year two: Reach out disciples!

Children's Corner:

Jesus went off to deserted places to pray, where he could give his whole self to God. Everyone should have a deserted place to go to pray, and to know that God is with us wherever we go.

Catholic Education Rules!
Imagine a place where children begin every day with scripture and prayer, and where Jesus is the role model of behavior. Visit or call Cathedral School. For more information about Cathedral School, go to <http://www.cathedralportland.com/>

Junior High Youth Ministry:
Held the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month in the Cathedral Guild Hall, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. All junior high youth of our Cluster 21 parishes (Cathedral, Sacred Heart / St. Dominic, St. Christopher, St. Louis, and St. Peter) are invited to be a part of this program.

Theology Underground meetings for high school youth. The next meeting will be February 19 at Cathedral from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. For more information and schedule, please contact Fr. Kevin at 773-0748.

The next Hour of Power will be St. Peter's, 7 - 8 p.m. on February 11. The Hour of Power is sponsored by Veritas, Portland's young adult ministry. For more information, please contact Becky at 899-3146 or hourofpowerportland@gmail.com.

For information about any Cluster 21 liturgies, programs, or events, contact your parish office, the Cathedral Rectory, or visit www.cluster21portland.org.

Presider Schedule for next week

Monday, February 9, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin
- 12:15 pm. Cathedral - Fr. Lou
- 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Mike

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike
- 12:15 pm. Cathedral - Fr. Lou
- 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

- 7:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Lou
- 12:00 p.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Fred
- 12:15 pm. Cathedral - Fr. Kevin
- 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard

Thursday, February 12, 2009

- 7 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin
- 12:15 pm. Cathedral - Fr. Lou
- 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard
- 6:30 p.m. St. Louis - Fr. Mike

Friday, February 13, 2009

- 7 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin
- 12:15 pm. Cathedral - Fr. Mike
- 5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard

Saturday, February 14, 2009

- 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Lou
- 4:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin
- 4:30 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Mike
- 5:00 p.m. St. Louis - Fr. Richard

Sunday, February 15, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike
- 8:30 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou
- 9:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Kevin
- 9:45 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard
- 10:00 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Lou
- 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Fred Morse
- 10:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Mike
- 11:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Kevin
- 12:00 p.m. Cathedral (Latin Mass) - Fr. Robert Parent
- 12:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic (Spanish Mass) - Fr. Phil Tracy
- 5:00 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Mike
- 6:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard

Our cluster priests can be contacted at the following numbers
Fr. Lou and Fr. Mike, at Cathedral, 773-7746
Fr. Richard, Sacred Heart / St. Dominic, 772-6182
Fr. Fred at St. Christopher, 766-2585
Fr. Kevin at St. Peter, 773-0748

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