



In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 23/24, 2009

Disciples in Mission Day of Reflection

Those who read our Cluster Newsletter week after week may remember some of the reflections that came from last year's Disciples in Mission Day of Reflection. A lot of the reflections given were in the form of goals. They were also about accomplishments, and hopes for the future.

This year's Disciples in Mission Reflection Day will be held from **9 - 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2009, in Cathedral Guild Hall.**

On June 6, we will gather as Disciples in Mission for our Cluster Day of Reflection on year 2, Cycle B, of our three year commitment to the Disciples in Mission program presented by the Paulist Fathers.

Even before our day of reflection here are some personal reflection questions:

1. Did you complete your form and turn it in to your leader? This can still be done. Find the form at: www.cluster21portland.org/dmeval.pdf or contact your parish office for assistance in obtaining the form. Complete the form regarding your Disciples in Mission experience this year. This is one of the ways we can reflect upon to see how well we are accomplishing the Church's mission of Evangelization.



Are we doing our mission well enough? Please let us know. We are the Church, after all.

2. Some of the goals from last year should be looked at in the light of this year. Did we accomplish these goals?

Did we foster an appreciation of scripture by more frequent study in small groups, and through more thorough scripture studies?

Did we focus on youth as they are so important to the church's future?

Did we realize that working together as a cluster is important to accomplish the mission of Jesus in bringing the Good News of the Gospel to all? We agreed that we are more intelligent as a group. Did we accomplish that this year?

As Catholics, did we become more diligent Bible readers? Do we have more of a desire for the Word?

Did our outreach to strangers increase, not only in our small groups, but in our greeters at Mass and in day to day mission of our parishes? After all, outreach to strangers and fostering a sense of community is part of the call of liturgy.

At this year's Disciples in Mission Day of Reflection, we will gather together the observations made by small group leaders and members that will lead us into the third and final year of the program, capped off with prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Take this opportunity to help evaluate this year, and set the goals for the coming year. Come to the Disciples in Mission Day of Reflection, 9 - 11 a.m., Saturday, June 6, 2009, Cathedral Guild Hall. All are welcome. Contact your parish office if you have questions, or ways to help.

Unity Day a huge success!

"We are Many Parts, We are all One Body. And the Gifts we have, we are given to Share. May the Spirit of God, make us One indeed. One the Love that we Share, One our Hope in Despair, One the Cross that we Bear."

~ From the song, "We are Many Parts" by Mary Haugen

Sincere thanks go out to all who helped to make Unity Day so special! From our school community, to our parish

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A follow up to the 2009 Bishop's Appeal

Throughout the month of May and early June, the Bishop's Appeal campaign will remain. We will keep the appeal envelopes and pencils in the pews, and we will be asked to consider participating in this important commitment to support the mission of the Diocesan Church. This, after all, is our most concrete way to demonstrate our alignment with a community larger than our own parish or cluster. Please participate generously.

Children's Corner:
Today's Gospel is one for children of all ages to read over, and over, and over again. It is Jesus' own prayer to God for us...all of us. There may not be another place in the Gospel where Jesus is speaking so clearly about every one of us, that we should really take some extra time for this, like it's a big long hug from a best friend. Well, that's exactly what it is!

Find more about the Catholic Community of the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes online at www.cluster21portland.org

The Web site contains the most current news and information about our five parish community, the history, meeting dates and minutes, links to each parish, and a schedule of activities and events throughout the cluster. This Newsletter is produced by the Communications Committee of the Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes Pastoral Council together with the bulletin editors of each

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priests, to our support staff, to our planning committees, to our helpers, and to all who attended... Thank you for your goodness, your charity, and your support!

God has truly blessed us with a beautiful Catholic family! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Upcoming events

Monday, May 25, 2009, Memorial Day Mass at Calvary Cemetary, 9 a.m.: Calvary Cemetery in South Portland. This year's celebrant will be Bishop Malone, therefore, there will be no Masses that day in any of our cluster churches. All parishioners our cluster are encouraged to attend this Memorial Day Mass with Bishop Malone.

Sunday, May 31, 2009, two Confirmation Masses will be held for our cluster, 2:30 p.m. for children from Sacred Heart / St. Dominic, St. Louis and St. Peter's Parish, and 5 p.m. for children from Cathedral. All are welcome to enjoy this special day with our children and their families.

Sunday, May 31, 2009, Cursillo: Camp Mechuana, Winthrop, May 31, 1 p.m. For more information, call Joe Presti 377-3488.

Golf for Cathedral School on Thursday, June 4, 2009. Nonesuch River Golf Club. Registration fee per golfer is just \$80 and covers green fees, cart, and chicken BBQ dinner buffet. Awards ceremony and great prizes too! This 18-hole scramble (shotgun start) is a fun time. Sponsorships still available. Call 773-2726.

Saturday, June 6, 2009, Disciples in Mission Reflection Day: Gather again with small groups, or come to reflect on

Disciples in Mission for the first time. This day of reflection is about year two of our Lenten Journey, and about what we still have to accomplish in our third and final year. All are welcome, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., Cathedral Guild Hall.

Friday, June 12, 2009, Adult Education Workshop, St. Paul's Center, Augusta: Sr. Sandy De Masi, SSJ, will be the speaker for "Liturgy and Adult Faith Formation: Making the Connection, 1 - 5 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Register three persons, and the fourth attends free. Sr. Sandra is a sister of St. Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania. She serves as pastoral associate for liturgy at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Short Hills, and works in the area of Christian Initiation of Children at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, Jersey City. She is a member of the board of directors of the National Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions and a consultant for RCL Publishing Company. Sr. Sandy is working towards a doctorate in Ministry from Catholic University, Washington DC, with a specialization in the area of liturgy and catechesis. All people involved with liturgy, clergy, lay and religious, are encouraged to attend. For registration information, contact your Parish Office.

Saturday, June 13, 2009, Annual Silver & Gold Mass, Bishop Richard Malone will preside at the annual Silver & Gold Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. This special liturgy honors couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, 65 and 70 years of marriage during 2009. Watch for more info.

This weekend's schedule:

Saturday, May 23, 2009

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

Sunday, May 24, 2009

- 8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Lou
- 8:30 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Mike
- 9:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Richard
- 9:45 a.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Kevin
- 10:00 a.m. Cathedral - Fr. Mike
- 10:00 a.m. St. Christopher - Fr. Fred
- 10:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Lou
- 11:00 a.m. St. Louis - Fr. Richard
- 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. Kevin

Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.,
Cathedral Chapel

Saturdays, 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.,
Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Sundays, 12:00 noon (Spanish)
Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Or by appointment:

Fr. Lou or Fr. Mike 773-7746
Fr. Kevin 773-0748
Fr. Richard 772-6182
Fr. Fred 766-2585

St Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen is in dire need of men's clothing: khakis, chinos, blue jeans, tee-shirts, polos, sweatshirts--any type of clothing which is suitable for everyday use. At this time, they are unable to accept dress suits or sports jackets. Drop off bins are provided in the back of each church for the next several weeks. For information please phone: Cluster 22: Charlene Hagen 883-1645; Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes: Bob Rand, 774-8730 after 3 p.m.; Deering Cluster: Arthur Ledue 774-7538.

Daily Masses

Monday

9 a.m. Calvaray Cemetary with Bishop Malone. No other Masses this day in our cluster.

Tuesday

7:00 a.m. St. Peter
12:15 pm. Cathedral
5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. St. Peter
12:15 pm. Cathedral
5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

Thursday

7:00 a.m. St. Peter
12:15 pm. Cathedral
5:00 p.m. St. Christopher
5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic
6:30 p.m. St. Louis

Friday

7 a.m. St. Peter
12:15 pm. Cathedral
5:15 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic

WEEKLY OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTION Portland Peninsula and Island Parishes	
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Our Five Parish Offertory Envelope can be used to direct cash and check contributions to your parish of registration when you are attending one of the other parishes in our cluster. Your regular budget envelope can also be used.



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