

PORTLAND PENINSULA AND ISLAND PARISHES
NEWSLETTER

*In the Roman Catholic Diocese
of Portland, Maine*

Theme for the World Day of Peace

VATICAN CITY, 29 JUL 2009 (VIS) - "If you want to cultivate peace, protect the creation" is the theme chosen by Pope Benedict XVI for his Message for the 43rd World Day of Peace, which will be celebrated on January 1, 2010.

"The theme", says a communique made public today, "aims to raise awareness about the strong bond that exists in our globalised and interconnected world between protecting the creation and cultivating peace.

"This close and intimate tie", the communique adds, "is further accentuated by the many problems concerning man's natural environment, such as the use of resources, climate change, the application and use of biotechnology, and demographic growth. If the human family is unable to face these new challenges with a renewed sense of social justice and equity, and of international solidarity, we run the risk of sowing seeds of violence among peoples, and between current generations and those to come".

The communique goes on: "Following the precious guidelines contained in paragraphs 48 to 51 of the Encyclical 'Caritas in veritate', the papal Message will make it clear that the protection of the environment is a challenge for all humankind. It is shared and universal duty to respect a collective asset destined for everyone".



The communique concludes by noting that "ecological questions must be faced, not just because of the dreadful prospects that environmental degradation presages; they must be translated, above all, into a strong motivation to cultivate peace".

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Where can we start?

In our Cluster, members of Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish will lead a remembrance of **Hiroshima** and **Nagasaki** on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2009, with a prayer after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and a minute of silence.

Also, everyone is invited to two gatherings next week to commemorate these events.

Peter's Pence Collection 2009 - August 2, 2009

This weekend we recall the apostolic journey of Pope Benedict XVI to the United States and his call to us to cast the light of Christ upon the world. We can show our solidarity with the Holy Father and our suffering brothers and sisters abroad through our support of this week's Collection. These funds allow him to provide emergency assistance to victims of war, disaster, oppression, and disease. Please be generous in this weekend's second collection.

On **Thursday, Aug. 6th - Hiroshima Day** - there will be a program of solemn stories, poems and music in the spirit of World Peace, at Portland's Post Office Park between 11:45AM and 1:15 PM.

On **Sunday, August 9th**, the program will be repeated at the same time and place.

These remembrances are co-sponsored by Pax Christi, Peace Action Maine, Physicians for Social Responsibility, Maine Council of Churches and Maine Veterans for Peace.

What else can a faith community do?

Send ideas for ways for our cluster parish communities to respond to the Holy Father's call. Drop a note in the collection basket, or mail to: Newsletter, c/o Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish, 80 Sherman Street, Portland, ME 04101.

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 1/2, 2009*

World Youth Day 2011, pilgrimage with Pope Benedict XVI in Madrid, Spain, August 10-21, 2011. Watch for more information.

Youth and Young Adults (16-39) are invited. Estimated cost is \$2,677 - \$2,877. For information or a pre-registration package, please e-mail the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, at anne.connolly@portlanddiocese.org.



Children's Corner:

We often find ourselves with something to grumble about, but our readings today teach us a better way to solve problems. When we grumble, we are part of the problem. Instead, we should try to be part of the solution.

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

Our Community Calendar

Book signing, "My Cousin, the Saint" August 2, 2009, 10:45 a.m.: Author Justin Catanoso speaks about his book after the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish. A journalist who also teaches writing and editing at Wake Forest University, Justin will speak about his book and his own tender reflections of an immigrant family of strong Catholic faith after learning that his grandfather's cousin, Padre Gaetano Catanoso, was a canonized saint. Learn more about Justin's story at www.JustinCatanoso.com, and plan to join him for an introduction to his charming and heartwarming story.

August 9, 2009, a memorial remembering **Hiroshima/Nagasaki** will be held at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish directly following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

August 14, 2009 St. Peter's 23rd Annual Fun Run and Adult 4-mile Road Race, 6:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. More information at St. Peter's Office, or online at www.active.com. Choose "Running" and type in keyword, St. Peter's Road Race.

August 15-16, 2009, St. Peter's 84th Annual Italian Bazaar for the celebration of the Feast of St. Rocco and the Assumption of the Blessed Mother. Annual Raffle - Games for the Entire Family - Lots of great food and fun! August 15th from 5 - 10 p.m., and August 16th from 4 - 9 p.m.

Protecting God's Children, August 16, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., or August 19, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish Hall facilitated by Christine Thibeault. Contact Lori Arsenault, 415-1979 to register. **An additional session will be held at Cathedral School August 27th at 4 p.m.** facilitated by Marla Blackwell. Call 775-1491 to register.

September 5, 2009

Attention Runners!

Participate in the East End 5K to Benefit Cathedral School: Let's give our wonderful Cluster school a good run for the money. Register to run at www.cathedralportland.com.

Married Couples, Sign up now for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend:

September 11-13, 2009 in Bangor, or November 6-8 in Lewiston. \$50 (plus free will donations). FMI or to register contact Dave & Ellie at 207-933-4237 or go to www.wmmeNewEngland.org.

September 12, 2009, Yard Sale for the Haiti Project:

on the lawn in front of Deering High School on Stevens Avenue. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish Social Justice & Peace Commission sponsors this yard sale each year to benefit a school in Cape Haitian. Find a treasure for yourself in the mix. Donations of good saleable items will be greatly appreciated. Need items picked up? Call Anne Johnson, 929-3088.

September 19th, Public Bean Supper - 4 to 6 pm - St. Louis Church, baked beans, breads, casseroles, salads, and out of this world desserts. sponsored by the St. Louis Women's Society. Adults \$5, Children \$3

October 10th - Fall Yard, Book, and Bake Sale - 9am - 3 pm - St. Louis Church, Yard sale will feature new, antique, and slightly used items; St. Louis Women's Society baked goods table includes cakes, cookies, fudge, candy and Polish desserts; New and used books for wintertime reading. Enjoy a free cup of coffee as you browse to your

Two Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday, August 1 // Saturday August 8, 2009

- 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart / St. Dominic - Fr. Richard // Fr. Richard
- 4:30 p.m. Cathedral - Fr. Mike // Fr. Paul Marquis
- 5:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Kevin // Fr. Mike
- 5:15 p.m. St. Louis - Fr. Richard // Fr. Richard
- 5:00 p.m. Long Island - Fr. Lou // Fr. Lou
- 6:15 p.m. Chebeague Island - Fr. Lou // Fr. Lou

Sunday, August 2 // Sunday August 9, 2009

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

heart's content. Reasonably priced luncheon also available. Sponsored by the St. Louis Women's Society.

October 23, 2009, Cathedral School Auction, 5:30 p.m., Italian Heritage Center: This year's theme is "We Believe." More details will come, but get this on your calendar today!

Two great fairs and a silent auction on Nov 14: Support your Cluster. Attend all events. Plan now for a day of Christmas shopping fun and community in our Cluster on **November 14th** with St. Peter's *Buon Natale* Christmas Fair from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. sponsored by St. Peter's Sacred Heart Sodality; and St. Louis' Christmas Fair and Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. sponsored by the St. Louis Women's Society; finishing the day with the 4th Annual Silent Auction at Sacred Heart / St. Dominic Parish. Mark your calendar! **Please try to attend all of these Cluster events and support the Catholic Community throughout Portland.**

Daily Masses

Monday, August 3, 2009

7:00 a.m. St. Peter
12:15 pm. Cathedral

Tuesday, August 4, 2009

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

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

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

Thursday, August 6, 2009

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

Friday, August 7, 2009

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

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



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