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Guest House Celebrates “Year For Priests” With Bishop’s Mass and Reception

On Friday, October 2, the Most Rev. Richard J. Malone, Bishop of Portland, will host the Annual Bishop’s Reception to benefit Guest House, America’s premier treatment center for Catholic clergy and religious facing addiction to alcohol or other substances. Currently, Guest House counts 30 Maine clergy and men and women religious among its living alumni.

The event will begin with 6:00 p.m. Mass at the historic Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in Lewiston, celebrated by His Excellency Richard Malone, Th.D., Bishop of Portland. Following the Mass at 7:00 p.m., there will be a reception, a gourmet dinner prepared by culinary students at The Green Ladle, and a Silent Auction. The dinner will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 East Avenue in Lewiston.

Attendees at this year’s benefit will enjoy the musical strains of Portland area singer/songwriter Cassi Gray. Cassi’s style is a melding of many jazz, Latin, and folk influences. She performs extensively in the Portland area as a solo artist, and throughout Southern Maine with her jazz trio. As a songwriter, she has collaborated in a variety of styles and has composed pieces for commercial use. Currently, Cassi is working toward her first album—which she hopes to release in 2010.

For more than fifty years, the Diocese of Portland has been able to refer Maine priests suffering/struggling with addiction to Guest House for treatment. Guest House’s long-term success rate is high compared to other treatment programs; and clergy are much more likely to sustain their sobriety when combining the caring, compassionate treatment regimen at Guest House with long-term participation in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Suggested donation for the reception and dinner is \$50 per person. For reservations and information, please contact Kathy Schiffer, Guest House’s Director of Special Events, toll-free at 1.800.626.6910. If you cannot attend but would like to support this good work, donations are welcome. Make checks payable to “Guest House” and mail them to:

Bishop’s Reception to Benefit Guest House
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