



# Newsletter

## September 2007

### Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE Seattle  
 Sundays at 8:00 a.m. -- St. Ignatius Community Liturgies  
 Second Sundays at 6:00 p.m. – Dignity/Seattle Liturgies

Sept. 9, 16, 23, 30	→ 8:00 a.m.	St. Ignatius
Sept. 9 & Oct. 14	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

### Elections, Annual Membership Meeting and Potluck

**Saturday, September 22, 2007, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Ravenna United Methodist Church**

Elections: Each September, Dignity/Seattle holds elections to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors. The upcoming term, October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 has four vacancies; three candidates are running: Paula Lavallee and Delia Vita are current board members who have agreed to run for re-election. Alan Scott is a long-time member who has placed his name into the ring. There is also room for a write-in candidate, who must be a current Dignity/Seattle member. Ballots were mailed out and you should have received one by the end of August. If you have not received one, please telephone the Dignity/Seattle information line: 206/325-7314. Elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting (information following) on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you cannot attend the meeting, please mail in your absentee ballot so that it is received by Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Annual General Membership Meeting: Will be held on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the parlor at Ravenna United Methodist Church, 5751-33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE (use side door for entry). The meeting will begin with a potluck meal, after which we will hear reports from the board, have an open discussion, and hold the election. This is a chance to meet those of us you might not know and to hear the current president and other officers give a summary of their work and state of the chapter as we head into the new fiscal year, which begins October 1<sup>st</sup>. **We urge you to attend, as we need a quorum present to validate the proceedings.**

### Upcoming Events

**Sunday, Sept. 9:** Commencement of weekly 8:00 a.m. Masses by St. Ignatius ECC. See article next page.

**Sunday, Sept. 9:** Dignity/Seattle's monthly Mass at 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 21:** 5:30 p.m. Mass with Bishop Peter Hickman of the ECC, followed by potluck supper. See article next page.

**Saturday, Sept. 22:** 5:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle's Elections, Annual Membership Meeting & Elections.

**Saturday, Sept. 29:** Seattle AIDS Walk.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Seattle AIDS Walk

**Saturday, September 29, 2007, 8:00 a.m.**  
**Volunteer Park, 14th & Prospect**

Lifelong AIDS Alliance is proud to honor 21 years of walking and fighting AIDS in Seattle and throughout King County. Your participation as a walker, team captain, donor or volunteer makes a huge impact on the event's success! Sign up today at <http://www.lifelongevents.org>.

### DignityUSA's QV

Are you on DignityUSA's News List-serve? Did you receive the recent 22-page issue of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter QV? Visit <http://lists.dignityusa.org/malman/listinfo/dusa-news> to sign up, or, go to the DignityUSA website for archived copies: <http://dignityusa.org>.

## Official Business

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Jim Rankin                      President  
Steve Kearney                Vice-Pres., Social Chair  
Denise Arceneaux          Secretary, Liturgy Chair  
Delia Vita                      Treasurer  
Paula Lavallee At-large, Membership Chair

### DignityUSA Board Members from Seattle

Paula Lavallee                Secretary  
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We provide a safe environment for people to reconcile our God-given gifts of sexual orientation and our Catholic faith through gay-affirming liturgies. Being part of the Dignity/Seattle family means claiming ownership of our faith and living up to the responsibilities of that ownership.

## DignityUSA to reinstitute \$50 membership dues October 1<sup>st</sup>

For the past few years, DignityUSA has had a "No-Minimum Dues" structure, in the hopes that a numerically larger membership would result in a larger donor base. Unfortunately, that has not been borne out. Increased donations have not made up for the elimination of dues. Therefore, during the recently concluded DignityUSA Board Meeting held in Austin, Texas in July, the Board unanimously agreed to reinstate membership dues. The exact structure of the dues (i.e., what percentage of the dues would be rebated to local chapters) has not been finalized. If you believe in the goals and vision of DignityUSA and Dignity/Seattle, please answer the call generously and empower the Voice of GLBT Catholics!

## St. Ignatius Ecumenical Catholic Communion News

Starting Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, the St. Ignatius Catholic community will hold liturgies every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. As Father Philip writes in the St. Ignatius weekly bulletin (see <http://www.ignatiusecc.org/>), "The current time (1:00 p.m.) seems to break the day up inconveniently. Hopefully this new time will work well for you. Ravenna United Methodist meets for their Sunday liturgy at 10:00 and this new time will make it possible to accommodate both liturgies comfortably on Sunday mornings."

Note: Fr. Philip is a Dignity/Seattle presider affiliated with the Ecumenical Catholic Communion:

<http://www.ecumenical-catholic-communion.org/>

## ECC Bishop Peter Dickman's Visit

Bishop Peter is planning a visit to the ECC communities in the Northwest on September 21 and 22. It will be a good time to learn more about the communion to which St. Ignatius belongs.

On Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. we will celebrate mass with Bishop Peter. This will be followed by a potluck supper. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Dignity/Seattle members are heartily encouraged to attend, share and celebrate.

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Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at Dennis L-H's. 604/430-3466.

Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy, at Lee L's. 604/408-3442.

Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. 10:00 a.m. BCPWA's Annual "Walk for Life" around the Stanley Park Seawall. Opening ceremonies at Ceperley Park at 10:00 a.m. Walk begins at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. 7:30 p.m. Potluck supper at Gerry W's. 604/435-1950.