

Newsletter

June 2008

Happy
GLBT
Pride
Month!

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 rd Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→ 10:30 a.m.	St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
June 8, July 7	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

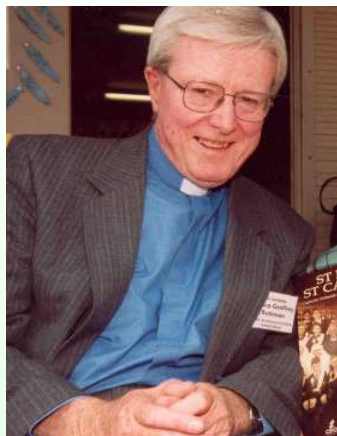
Upcoming Events of Interest

Call to Action-Western Washington presents:

Bishop Geoffrey Robinson Confronts Power and Sex in the Catholic Church

Saturday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.
Roosevelt High School, 1410 NE 66th, Seattle
Cost: \$10 (or as you are able).

Catholic Bishop Geoffrey Robinson of Sydney, Australia, will discuss his book, *Confronting Power and Sex in the Catholic Church* in Seattle next month. Bishop Robinson is the first contemporary bishop in good standing to suggest revising the Church's monarchical governance, an anti-Scriptural and anachronistic misuse of power. Going back to the Bible and, above all, to the teaching of Jesus, he presents an approach to sexual morality that is profound, compassionate, and people-centered. He stresses the priority of the hierarchy of holiness over the hierarchy of power and offers nothing less than a vision for church of the third millennium.



His book electrified Australia and will be available for \$25 (tax included). ▼

DignityUSA President to visit Seattle in June

Mark Matson will be making a personal visit to friends in North Bend later this month. He and partner Chris are planning to be in Seattle, either Thursday or Friday, June 19-20. Once plans are finalized, they are hoping to meet with Dignity/Seattle members over lunch or dinner. A general e-mail advisory will be sent. For those without e-mail or not on the e-mail list, please contact Paula at 425/821-8618 for details.

20th Annual Pride Week Breakfast!

Saturday, June 28th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
Central Lutheran Church, 1710-11th Ave
(on the east side of Cal Anderson Park, Seattle)

On Saturday morning of Gay Pride Weekend, June 28th, Dignity/Seattle will sponsor its 20th Annual Pride Week Breakfast at Central Lutheran Church, across the street from the new Cal Anderson Park. Breakfast is \$7, for all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea, and juice. There will also be a raffle with many prizes, donated by local merchants and generous individuals, including grand prizes of a 3-night stay on the Oregon Coast and 4-nights in San Francisco, and a hand-made 64" x 84" quilt made by Teri and Janet:



Raffle tickets are \$1.50 each or 5 for \$5.00. Breakfast and raffle tickets may be bought at the door.

Proceeds will benefit Multifaith Works (AIDS & life-threatening illness social services), Verbena (women's health services) and Dignity/Seattle. Dignity has donated well over \$20,000 to these groups due to the success and popularity of the breakfast.

For more information, to donate prizes or food, or to volunteer as a server or dishwasher Saturday morning, please call 425/821-8618 or e-mail Paula at pland-tish@aol.com. ▼

Official Business

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Jim Rankin	Vice President
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary (Liturgy chair)
Delia Vita	Treasurer (Social co-chair)
Alan Scott	At large (Social co-chair)

DignityUSA Board Member from Seattle

Leo Egashira	At large (Communications)
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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.

Board Minutes Summary, April 9, 2008

(Edited. For complete minutes, see Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. All board members were present. Minutes were read.

M/M/S/C: To approve the April 9, 2008 meeting minutes as submitted.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$1967.89
Deposit: Collection April '08:	175.00
Ending Balance:	\$2142.89

Expenses:

Newsletter printing/ mailing May:	\$66.28
SGN ad:	30.00
Phone:	42.00
Rent: RUMC:	75.00
Liturgy: Presider's stipend:	30.00
Pride Week supplies	6.53
Pride Week hall deposit	100.00
Total Expenses	\$349.81
Ending Balance:	\$1793.08

Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$1597.86
Interest income	0.38
Ending Balance:	\$1598.24

- The Scholarship fund has \$250.00.

M/M/S/C: To accept financial report as submitted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia V.)

- Rosebud was contacted regarding the May 31st date. Alan made arrangements for 12:30 p.m.
- Alan reminded the board about the get-together for Richard Lannon
- 35th Anniversary Party is tentatively scheduled for Oct 4th when the National Board is meeting. Paula will contact the National Board to see if they would want to meet here. Arrangements would have to be made for lodging and meeting room. If we were to host the Board, we could possibly use the meeting hotel for the dinner/dance. Anthony's, Rock Salt, McCormick's have all been contacted about room availability and price. All are apparently out of our price range. We discussed the possibility of going with a hall instead, like the Galleria. Delia will look into other possible locations including the hotel.

Membership Committee: (Paula Lavallee)

Paula brought the letters and brochures for new and lapsed members for comment. The Board reviewed and approved them. Jim Rankin will print out 50 copies of the brochure and will bring them on Sunday.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Public Health : Everything is set up with Public Health as far as their being at Pride Breakfast.
- 35th Anniversary Party: Delia called Anthony's and found out that menu items ranged from \$26 - \$34. She will also call McCormick's and Rock's to find out their prices. .
- Pride Breakfast: Central Lutheran has already been reserved. Vendors: The letters have already been sent out. The tickets will be out by the end of the week. Gift certificates have already been received from Julia's, Mae's, etc. Janet and Teri have already made a quilt for the raffle. The Board decided to put an ad in the Pride Issue. Delia will make flyers for Pride Breakfast and send them out via E-mail so they can be taken to Multifaith.

NEW BUSINESS: (Leo's e-mail)

- Fundraiser: The Board will keep thinking about one.
- DignityUSA President will be visiting friends in North Bend from Wednesday, June 18th through Sunday, June 22nd. Leo would prefer to meet Friday evening. Paula will suggest some place downtown.
- Possible second monthly Mass? Paula will bring up the subject at Mass on Sunday to see how many people will attend.

Next Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m., Thursday, June 5, 2008, at Delia's home.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by
Denise Arceneaux, Secretary



Rich Lannon

China Super Buffet in Shoreline

May 9th Dinner with Rich Lannon

Rich was Dignity/Seattle's music director for several years until he moved to Juneau, Alaska. He also designed our logo that appears on this Newsletter. Rich wrote, "Thank you, THANK YOU ever so much for a fun and enjoyable evening on May 9. It was wonderful to see all of you and get caught up on all the news. All of you looked great. I know, it was hard to believe it's been six years since last we had a chance to share "old times" like that, but it was definitely fun for me. Thank you for setting everything up so it was possible.



Brunch at Rosebud, Cap Hill

May 31st Quarterly Birthday Brunch at Rosebud

Eleven people gathered for the Spring Birthday Brunch at Rosebud and had a wonderful meal and a great time. The date for the Summer Quarterly Brunch has yet to be set, but will be announced in the Newsletter and in e-mail invitations. Thanks to Alan Scott for taking this; that's why he's not in the photo .

Seattle-King County Public Health to conduct HIV survey and tests at Pride Week Breakfast

The Board of Dignity/Seattle has approved Seattle-King County Public Health's request to conduct HIV survey and testing during the Pride Week Breakfast.

Public Health will set up a discreet, mobile HIV-testing unit outside of Central Lutheran Church during the Breakfast. The study and testing program is geared towards men-who-have-sex-with-men. Staff will approach potential participants to determine eligibility, based on demographic and scientific protocols. People cannot sign up for the study themselves.

Men who are HIV+, HIV-, or unsure of their sero-status are all eligible. Participation in the project is confidential (no names will be asked) and voluntary. Participants will receive \$25 for taking the survey and \$25 for getting a rapid response HIV test. There are no injections and this is a one-time only participation.

The study is conducted in collaboration with the federal Center for Disease Control, as well as local and state health authorities. The study is a health survey to measure levels and trends in sexual and drug use risk behavior. Findings will be used to direct and improve local HIV prevention efforts and public health services. ▼

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Monday, June 9th. 7:30 p.m. Annual General Meeting at Dennis L-H's. 604/430-3466.

Friday, June 19th. Worship liturgy at Gerry W's. 604/435-1950

Saturday, June 28th. 6:30 p.m. Potluck supper at Kevin & Don's. 604/874-3428.