



Newsletter

December 2008



Blessed Christmas Wishes to All

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 rd Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→ 10:30 a.m.	St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
Dec 14, Jan 11	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

A pancake breakfast following Mass is held every 4th Sunday (December 28th) , a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

Dignity/Seattle & Convention '09

By Leo N. Egashira

At the last West Coast DignityUSA Convention in 2003, thirteen Dignity/Seattle members made their way to Las Vegas and met hundreds of other Dignity people from throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The 40th Anniversary Convention will be held from Thursday, July 2nd to Sunday, July 5th, 2009 in San Francisco. Already, over a dozen local people are making concrete plans to fly down, car-pool and ride Amtrak down to the Bay Area.

A finalized program will be released in January, but the preview promises an exciting, diverse and jam-packed three-and-a-half days. Complete registration & convention information will be mailed to all people on DignityUSA's mailing list and announced on-line in January. Registration fees are expected to be around \$225-\$250, and will include all major convention activities, as well as some meals.

Both DignityUSA and Dignity/Seattle will be offering need-based scholarships. To that end, Dignity/Seattle has held one fundraiser and will hold others to help people attend the convention. Please contact the Board to apply for scholarships. All applications will remain confidential.

The Convention Committee has negotiated an extremely good deal at the luxury, centrally-located Parc 55 Hotel: \$119 + tax for two, \$20 for an extra 3rd and 4th person. These rates are available June 24 to July 10, 2009.

Talk with your friends about combining an affordable vacation and convention together. With 2-3 people, car-pooling becomes an economical travel alternative. More incentives from both DignityUSA and Dignity/Seattle will be forthcoming very shortly. Is it realistic to think that 15-20 Seattle people will join the nationwide Dignity Family in seven months? YES! ▼

St. Ignatius Celebrates Two Years

By Leo N. Egashira

On November 30, 2008, the Ecumenical Catholic Communion parish of St. Ignatius celebrated its 2nd Anniversary. It has been slow to catch on, but it is catching on.

As many of you know, Fr. Philip Knowles pastors St. Ignatius. Fr. Philip is also the main presider for Dignity/Seattle's once-a-month liturgies. Needless to say, St. Ignatius is progressive, inclusive and welcoming to all.

Fr. Philip, with the cooperation and involvement of the Ravenna UMC community, initiated "Seattle's Most Dangerous Sunday School" held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m., just prior to the 10:30 a.m. liturgy.

Recently, the two communities have started to serve up a pancake breakfast on the Fourth Sunday of every month after liturgy. That was enough to entice me to bicycle the one hour to Ravenna UMC on November 23rd. There were five attendees at Mass—as mentioned above, it's an intimate, but growing community.

After Mass, we joined the dozen folks from Ravenna in the parlor. Fr. Philip cooked up the pancakes, while others prepared sausage, eggs, coffee and juice. The meal was delicious and filling. The fellowship between the two congregations was genuine and very warm.

For those Dignity/Seattle members who "need" more than our current once-a-month liturgies, St. Ignatius provides another alternative for meaningful, insightful and soul-renewing worship. ▼



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Friday-Sunday, December 5-7, Advent Retreat at Rosemary Heights in Surrey. Please contact D/Vancouver for specific details.

Saturday, (to be announced), Annual Advent Service hosted by Integrity/Vancouver (GLBT Anglicans).



35-Year History of D/S Available

All Dignity/Seattle members who were not able to attend the 35th Anniversary Celebration in October should have received a commemorative history booklet in the mail. A downloadable copy of the 5½ by 8½ booklet is available at <http://www.dignityseattle.org>.



← **Quarterly Celebrations Brunch**
November 8, Julia's on Queen Anne
The next brunch will be scheduled early in 2009. Contact Dignity/Seattle to make sure you're on our mailing list!

