



Newsletter

January 2011

Happy New Year!

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle
 Every Sunday → 10:00 a.m. St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
 Jan 9, Feb 13 → 6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

A pancake breakfast following Mass is held every 4th Sunday (December 26th), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

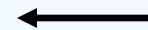
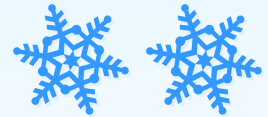
Volunteer Night at Food Lifeline

Dignity/Seattle will be volunteering at Food Lifeline again this month. Come join us for a fun evening helping the hungry of our region by repacking food. First we did cereal, then potatoes; what will we do this month? Come find out on Thursday, January 13th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Food Lifeline Warehouse in Shoreline. Please let us know if you are coming by responding at dignity.seattle@gmail.com

Also, mark your calendar now for our next volunteer night on March 10th. We are trying to set up our volunteer nights on the 2nd Thursdays of odd-numbered months.

Upcoming Activity Dates

- Jan 9, Sun: Regular Dignity Mass
- Jan 13, Thu: Volunteer at Food Lifeline
- Jan 23, Sun: Dignity at St. Ignatius Mass
- TBA: Board Meeting in early February
- Feb 6, Sun: Day of Reflection with Fran Ferder & John Heagle



Attendees at Dignity/Seattle's Christmas Party

December 11, 2010

Thank you, Michael and Marc for your generous hospitality!

The food was delicious, the company engaging, and the atmosphere festive!



Board Members & Contact Info

2010-2011 Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice President
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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.

Equality Day 2011: Tue, March 22

From Equal Rights Washington

Every two years over a thousand LGBT and allied Washingtonians come to Olympia to lobby and educate their legislators and show public support for LGBT civil rights.

We'll be sending more information including sponsorship information about Equality Day 2011 by mid-January. Now is the time to let your congregations, civic organizations and friends and family know about the date.

For those unfamiliar with Equality Day, the morning includes an issue briefing and lobby training, followed by a noontime rally on the front steps of the State Capitol. The early afternoon is spent lobbying and educating legislators.

For those unable to attend Equality Day in Olympia, action alerts and other opportunities will provide meaningful ways of participating in Equality Day from afar. And for those traveling from far away there will be online video lobby and issue briefings in advance so you can arrive later in the day and still have the information you need!

If you are interested in serving on the Committee organizing Equality Day, please send an e-mail to Equality-Day@equalrightswashington.org

Contributions to help underwrite the cost of Equality Day are welcomed: <http://www.equalrightswashington.org>.

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As of press time, we had not received information about January events. Please contact DVD if you plan on visiting Vancouver.

Fran Ferder & John Heagle

Day of Reflection: Sunday, February 6, 2011

Peace and Spirituality Center in Bellevue

9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., \$45 includes lunch.

Justice Rising Trusting the Emerging Spirit of Solidarity

How do we live faithful lives in demanding times? This is a question that each of us faces, as we struggle to maintain hope in our wounded world. Our culture is fragmented, our churches are polarized, and our hearts grow weary. Many are simply choosing to withdraw into their private world of survival. But this would be a tragic mistake. Often it is precisely during a time of chaos that the gospel promise of transformation unfolds in new ways. One of the contemporary signs of this transforming spirit is the global hunger for equality and the deepening commitment to solidarity across all political, religious, and cultural boundaries. This is justice rising. In this day of reflection, we invite you to reclaim your hope—to commit yourself again to being part of God's fierce love as it rises in human consciousness.

Presenters: Fran Ferder, FSPA, PhD, DMin, and John Heagle, MA, JCL, LMHC, are the co-directors of Therapy & Renewal Associates (TARA), a counseling and renewal resource in the Pacific Northwest. They also teach ecumenical graduate courses in the theology of human sexuality and communication. They are internationally recognized leaders of workshops and conferences, authors of several articles, tapes, and books on spirituality, ministry, and human relationships, including their book, *Tender Fires: The Spiritual Promise of Sexuality* (Crossroad, 2002). Fran's latest book is *Enter the Story: Biblical Metaphors for Our Lives* (Orbis Books, 2010). John's new book, *Justice Rising: The Emerging Biblical Vision* (2010), is also published by Orbis Books.

Registration closes January 30th. For on-line registration forms, further information and directions, please visit Call to Action—Western Washington's website : http://www.ctaww.org/coming_events.htm