



Newsletter

February 2011

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

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

A pancake breakfast following St. Ignatius Mass is held every 4th Sunday (February 27th), a shared fellowship with our host, Ravenna UMC.

A New Year's Thought

As we enter a new year, we take the time to set new goals for ourselves. Quite often we say this year I will lose weight, quit smoking, exercise more, work less, or a hundred other like promises to ourselves. Some of these promises will last a week or two, and if we are good, maybe longer. But eventually most of us fall back into our regular old patterns.

I would like to offer each of us a challenge. What would happen if we promise ourselves to pray more? What if we were to take time each day to quiet ourselves enough to be more aware of the things and people around us? If we were able to do this, would we then gain that inner peace that would allow us to do those other things that make us healthier, happier and more whole? Would we be able to gain more self awareness and strength to break out of our old patterns and create new, better ones?

So, I challenge you to take the time each day to quiet yourself, to open your heart and mind, to listen to the Spirit within. See if it makes a difference in your life. Then come join us for liturgy on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month and let us know how you are doing. Together we can be strong, we can make a difference in the world.

Peace, Paula

Upcoming Events of Interest

Feb 1, Tue: Board Meeting at Delia's
 Feb 6, Sun: Day of Reflection, Ferder & Heagle
 Feb 13, Sun: Regular Dignity Mass
 Feb 19, Sat: 1st Quarter Brunch
 Feb 26, Sun: Dignity at St. Ignatius Mass
 Mar 10, Thu: Volunteer Night at Food Lifeline
 Mar 12, Sat: "Pink Smoke Over The Vatican" with Roy Bourgeois

Dignity/Seattle 1st Quarter Brunch

Saturday, February 19, 12:30 p.m.
Galerias Restaurant, 611 Broadway E, 206/295-4895

To all Dignity Members and Friends of Dignity,

In celebration of all who have anniversaries or birthdays in January, February, or March, members, guests, and friends are all invited to enjoy brunch at Galerias. For menus & prices: www.galeriasgourmet.com/brunch.htm.

Please RSVP via the "Punchbowl" invitation that was emailed to you or call Dignity/Seattle 206/659-5519. We look forward to visiting with you and wishing you a very pleasant 2011. —The Dignity/Seattle Board



Dignity/Seattle volunteers at Food Lifeline, Thursday, January 13.

We repacked 4,671 pounds of zucchini and yellow squash and composted over 1,000 pounds of rotten squash. It was a messy, gross job this time, but we still had fun.

The next volunteer evening is Thursday, March 10th.

Board Members & Contact Info

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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 EqualityDay@equalrightswashington.org

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

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Monday, February 7, 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at Dennis L-H's. Burnaby. 604/430-3466

Friday, February 18, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Dennis B's. 604/669-3677.

Saturday, February 26, 7:30 p.m. Potluck social & supper at Vincent/Peter's. 604/325-1554.

Sunday, February 27, 11:00 a.m. Roman Catholic Women Priest (RCWP) - Christian Unity Eucharist with the New and Renewed Victoria Faith Community. Venue TBA; contact Dignity/Vancouver/Dignité.

Day of Reflection

with Fran Ferder & John Heagle

Sunday, February 6th

The registration deadline was January 30th. To see if there is available room, please contact Call To Action—Western Washington: information@ctaolympia.org or 360/357-6207. More information can be found in the January 2011 Dignity/Seattle Newsletter or on CTAWW's website: http://www.ctaww.org/coming_events.htm

Roy Bourgeois

"Pink Smoke Over The Vatican"

Saturday, March 12, 3:00 p.m.

2100-24th Ave S (between S Hill & S Walker Sts, one block east of Rainier Ave S)

Cost: A suggested \$10 donation or as you are able.

The one-hour documentary, "Pink Smoke Over The Vatican," will be shown by Father Roy Bourgeois. The documentary is about women seeking ordination into the Roman Catholic Church and has garnered film festival awards, received mention in Time Magazine and stirred up a hornet's nest of opinions. The film is an engaging, touching, and surprisingly humorous exposé of one answer to a serious question: Where is the voice of women in the Roman Catholic Church?

A question & answer session will follow, along with a reception.