



Newsletter

April 2012



Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle
 Every Sunday → 10:00 a.m. St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
 April 8, May 13 → 6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

A pancake breakfast following St. Ignatius Mass is held every 4th Sunday (April 22nd), a shared fellowship with our host, Ravenna UMC.

Easter Alleluia! Resurrected hope and joy!

Catholics Mobilizing to Preserve Washington's Newly Enacted Marriage Equality Law

By Leo N. Egashira

Catholics "in the pews" at parishes throughout the Archdiocese, engaging in informal coordination with Catholic PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) members and Call To Action—Western Washington are considering various actions to emphasize the fact that a supermajority of Washington Catholics (an estimated 65% or more) strongly support the recently enacted gay/lesbian marriage equality law passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed by Governor Christine Gregoire.

It is likely that a referendum to overturn the law will collect enough signatures to appear on the November ballot. It is equally likely that Washington State voters will become the first in the nation to uphold marriage equality in a statewide vote. However, we cannot be complacent in the face of strong Catholic hierarchical opposition and hundreds of thousands of out-of-state anti-marriage equality dollars that are expected to flow into the state.

A Political Action Committee (PAC) called "Catholics for Marriage Equality Washington State" (CFMEWA) was formed in late March. Among ideas floating around are putting in large, signed ads in daily newspapers; marching in the Pride Parade; letter-writing campaigns; and engaging grassroots Catholics in parishes.

As the most visible and long-standing GLBT Catholic organization in the country and in the region, it behooves

Upcoming Events of Interest

- Apr 5, Thu:** **Mass of the Last Supper**
St. Ignatius, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 6, Fri:** **Good Friday Service**
St. Ignatius 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 8, Sun:** **Easter Sunday Service/Mass**
10:00 a.m. service with RUMC
6:00 p.m. Dignity Mass
- Apr 22, Sun:** **Dignity at St. Ignatius**
10:00 a.m.
- May 8, Tue:** **Board Meeting and
Pride Breakfast Mailing Party**
Delia's 6:00 p.m.
- May 18-20** **2012 Western Regional Call To
Action Conference, Portland, OR**
(See page 3)
- May 19, Sat:** **2nd Quarter Brunch**
- Jun 22, Sat:** **Pride Week Breakfast**

Dignity/Seattle's membership to take an active, if not leadership, role in these efforts. CFMEWA meetings will be announced via Dignity/Seattle's list-serv. Please attend!

Please contact me (Legashira@yahoo.com) with your ideas, interests and possibility of financial support. Also, please encourage your non-Dignity friends to volunteer and contact me. Needless to say, this is a great opportunity to publicize Dignity and grow our stagnant membership numbers prior to the 2015 Convention

Board Members & Contact Info

2011—2012 Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	Vice President
Delia Vita	Treasurer
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary, Liturgy
Alan Scott	At large, Social

DignityUSA Board Members from Seattle

Paula Lavallee	Secretary
Leo Egashira	At large (Publications)

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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.

D/Seattle Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2012 (Edited for publication)

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 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 January 11, 2012 meeting minutes as submitted.

President's report: (Paula Lavallee)

- The presider policy for those accused of child sexual abuse was adopted by the National Board. Paula L. can send it to anyone who wants it. We need to decide upon how we will implement it. National will issue a statement to be given to the presiders.
- The National Board Meeting was at the end of February and it was a good meeting.
- National is supporting a woman who was refused communion as well as a music teacher who was fired for being gay so there's been a lot of media coverage for DignityUSA lately.
- There is a DignityUSA Woman's retreat in May and Chapter leaders are asked to invite all the women to come..

Treasurer's report—March 20, 2012: (Delia Vita)

<u>Checking Acct.</u>	
Beginning Balance:	\$5,877.56
Deposits	
Collection February	120.00
Collection March	120.00
DignityUSA	50.00

Total Deposits	\$290.00
Sub-Total	\$6,167.56
Expenses	
Liturgy stipend (Feb/Mar)	\$60.00
Newsletter mailing & printing (Feb/Mar)	30.06
Rent—RUMC (Feb/Mar)	200.00
Summer picnic reservation fee	80.00
Total Expenses	\$370.06
Ending Balance	\$5,797.50

Scholarship fund for yearly membership	\$50.00
Dignity National Convention 2013 Fund	\$593.00
Total Available Funds	\$5,154.50

Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance:	\$1,602.48
Interest income	0.06
Ending Balance:	\$1,602.54

M/M/S/C: To accept the March 20, 2011 financial report as submitted.

Social Committee: (Alan Scott and Delia V.)

The Brunch at Julia's was attended by a dozen people. It went well. See "New Business" for details about the Second Quarter Birthday/Anniversary event for May and "Old Business" for details about the picnic.

Liturgy Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

Philip Knowles presided in March. Gary Southerton will preside on Easter.

Membership Committee:

Paula L. is still working on the fliers

Old Business:

- Volunteer Opportunities: 10 people worked at Food Lifeline the last time.
- 2015 Convention: The National Board accepted the recommendation to have the Convention at the Renaissance. In the next few months we need to give input to the National Committee for the theme and the logo though it's up to National to come up with one. We need to think about doing promotional things at the 2013 Convention for the 2015 Convention like giving away something which acknowledges the city. The 2015 Convention will be held on the 4th of July Weekend.
- Picnic: The Seattle Parks and Recreation accepted our first choice of Saturday, August 4 at 3 PM to again occupy Woodland Park Shelter #7 for the annual summer picnic. Delia mailed an \$80 check to Seattle Parks and Recreation as full payment for the use of the shelter.
- Marriage Equality: Nothing is happening with Marriage Equality until we find out whether it will be on the ballot.
- Pride Breakfast: Alan passed out the list from last year for those sent the Breakfast tickets and the letter

to them for revision by the Board. Delia passed out the SGN ad for approval by the Board. Alan will print out tickets by mid April and Delia will send out the letters to the vendors. We will have a ticket work party on May 8th after the Board meeting.

New Business:

- Second Quarter Brunch: The Board tentatively decided on May 19th at Mae's at Phinney Ridge at 12:30 p.m.
- Web Designer: Delia V. asked us to look into migrating into DignityUSA's system since the Web Designer now wants \$65.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th at 6:00 p.m. at Delia Vita's house with a Breakfast Ticket Work Party afterward.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by
Denise Arceneaux

Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité



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Monday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at Vincent W's. 604-325-1554

Friday, April 20, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Dennis L-H's. Burnaby. 604-430-3466.

Saturday, April 2, 6:30 p.m. Potluck social & supper at Kevin S/Don M's 604-874-3428.

2012 Western Regional Call To Action Conference: Portland

Sponsored by **Call To Action Northwest Oregon**

Dates: **Friday—Sunday, May 18—20, 2012**

Place: **Double Tree Hotel, Lloyd Center**

Theme: **The Hope and the Dream Live On: Vatican II at Fifty**

You are invited to join us for this inspirational and educational weekend, meant to strengthen and ignite your FAITH. Join with others who share your hopes for the future of the Catholic Church.

- Hear internationally known speakers including **Miriam Therese Winter, Fran Ferder, John Heagle and Roy Bourgeois** address the ways in which we allow the Spirit to guide us in living the vision of Vatican II.
- Listen as local ministers describe their experiences of living the model of a more collegial community responding to the signs of our times.
- Share meals and conversations with other conference attendees.
- Participate in a joyful Eucharistic celebration honoring our call to be the Church in our world!

Check the website for the full conference schedule and registration information. www.cta-nw-oregon.com
Registration is now available. Early registration before February 29 will be discounted.

Conference fee: \$220

Registration includes 3 Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast.

To reserve hotel rooms at the DoubleTree, call 503-281-6111; toll free 800-996-0510; or go to www.cta-nw-oregon.com, 2012 Regional CTA Conference and click on DoubleTree Hotel link. Room rates start at \$109 per night. Mention the CTA conference.

Transportation: TriMet's MAX Light Rail from airport to Lloyd Center/NE 11th Avenue stop.