



# Newsletter

## April—May 2018



### Upcoming Events

**Second Quarter Brunch**  
**Saturday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m.**  
**McMenamins Queen Anne**  
**200 Roy St (north of Seattle Center)**

Spring is a wonderful time to celebrate with those who have anniversaries or birthdays in April, May, or June. Please join us for brunch on Saturday.

The McMenamin's website provides a description of their various entrees (<http://www.mcmenamins.com/308-mcmenamins-queen-anne-home>). The brunch is an opportunity to patronize McMenamin's Restaurant which has contributed to Dignity/Seattle's Annual Pride Breakfast. Invitations have been e-mailed to those on our list-serv. Call Alan for more information at 206-295-4895.

**D/Seattle's Food Lifeline Volunteer Night**  
**Tuesday, June 5, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**  
**815 - 96th St, Seattle WA 98108 (South Park)**

Come enjoy the fun and know that you are helping to feed families in need. To help with planning, RSVP to 206-659-5519 or [Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com](mailto:Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com). Photo of the April 3 Volunteer Night is on Page 3.

**30th Annual Pride Week Breakfast**  
**Saturday, June 23, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**  
**Central Lutheran Church**  
**1710 - 11th Ave (at E Olive St)**

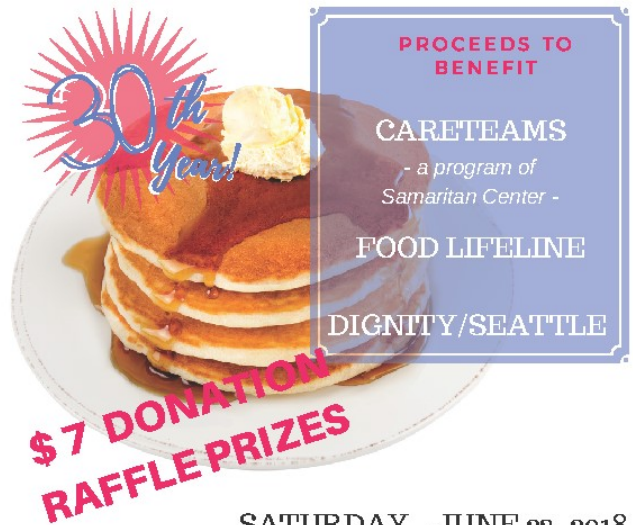
As summer approaches, we can look forward to a Seattle Pride Week tradition: Dignity/Seattle's 30th Annual Pride Pancake Breakfast.

All proceeds after expenses will be donated to: (1) Care-Teams, which "offer people from all walks of life a common volunteer experience by providing a network of practical support and emotional support to people living with



**Dignity/Seattle**

### PRIDE Pancake Breakfast



**SATURDAY – JUNE 23, 2018**

**9 am to noon**

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH SOCIAL HALL  
 1710 – 11TH AVE, SEATTLE (ACROSS FROM CAL ANDERSON PARK)

HIV/AIDS"; (2) Food Lifeline, which provides nutritious food to thousands of families across Western Washington, and (3) Dignity/Seattle's Conference Scholarship Fund.

We are looking for volunteers for many positions, especially for servers. Please let Paula Lavalée know if you can help, 206-659-5519. More information will be coming out in the next month.

## Board Members & Contact Info

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President, Nat'l Conference Committee Chair
Paula Hills	Vice-President, Liturgy Comm.
Delia Vita	Treasurer, Social Comm.
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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 activities and/or liturgies. Being part of the Dignity/Seattle family means claiming ownership of our faith and living up to the responsibilities of that ownership.

## DignityUSA's Jubilee (50 years) in 2019

*Chapters and groups within DignityUSA have been meeting to discuss our upcoming Jubilee. Here are some edited notes from a Dignity/Seattle meeting held on March 25. The "Segment One" discussion was held in January.*

### Jubilee Questions – Where we are now and where we are heading?

#### Segment Two: Taking Stock Today

- A. How is the national movement called Dignity different today than it was in the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's? How is your local expression different? How are YOU different?
1. Important to have a national presence in Washington, DC.
    - National movement is more important because of social media and technology.
    - Issues being addressed now are much different than before.
    - Dignity has much greater national exposure through Mary Ann who is often quoted through various media.
    - Immediacy is more important today with an urgency to quickly get the word out to media including social media.
    - Have seen more effectiveness in working through coalitions.
- B. Considering the passion and conviction that fueled our growth, how well is our "engine" running, in terms of inspiring passion, involvement, change, etc., in service to our mission today?
1. Witnessing Dignity's focus more towards the younger generations
    - Young adults group on the east coast.
    - Seeing that those in the younger generation are committed.
- C. Is the mission and purpose of Dignity still relevant today? If not, why not? If it is, what key challenges and opportunities do you see ahead?
1. Expect the younger generation to take a more active role.
    - Younger society is more accepting in general
    - Believe hope in the younger generation together with ability to quickly respond in activism actions.
- D. With the benefit of hindsight, how has Dignity changed lives for the better, locally and nationally? Changed the Catholic community? Impacted the LGBTQ social justice movement?
- ### Segment Three: Discerning the Path Forward
- A. How do we need to change to tackle the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities?
1. Bond with priorities of the younger generation
  2. Focusing on specific human rights
  3. Enhance ability for outreach and communication with the media.
  3. Explore how the Pope, who may differ from the church hierarchy, feels towards the gay community.
  4. Assess the importance of Dignity mass in a Catholic Church in attracting new members.
    - Dignity's priorities must not be negotiated away in working a deal for participation in the church.
    - The younger generation may not consider mass in a Catholic Church important as fewer young adults appear to be attending Catholic mass.
- B. What should the key priorities of DignityUSA be in the next few years? What's most important to us; what values from our rich history do we want to ensure are carried forward?
1. The mass
  2. Convey acceptance to be gay
  3. Dignity USA to be a bridge between the Catholic community and gay members
  4. Look to expand and grow the international community
    - View the other countries for the successes their gay communities might have had
    - Attend international conferences
    - Our voices must be more global to carry any weight.
- C. What resources do we need to fuel our "engine" (passion and purpose) in the future? Why would people want to invest their life energy and financial resources in support of this desired future?
- D. What is this community's guidance to the national leadership as they create a strategic plan for the next few years of DignityUSA's mission and work? Consider topics such as key commitments to mis-

sion, key goals, investments, financial resources, volunteer and leadership resources, talent recruitment and partnerships/outreach.

1. Maintain the awareness of the hypocrisy of the Catholic Church
2. Welcome young adults into DignityUSA leadership positions
3. Continue national's support including financial of young person caucuses and conferences
4. Continue with acceptance of young adult's ideas and priorities in DignityUSA
5. Try to expand ethnic participation and draw them into the Dignity community
6. Outreach to gay Catholics who have left the church
7. Enhance financial, media outreach, and technical expertise on the board
8. Involve former and current pastors
9. Expand non-English speaking person's ability to communicate during conferences
10. Improve synergy with non-English speaking Catholics

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1st & 3rd Sundays, 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community. The Listening Post, 382 Main St (off E Hastings St), Vancouver. [tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com](mailto:tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com).

For information about other D/V events, please visit <http://dignitycanada.org/vancouver.html>.



#### Dignity/Seattle's St. Patrick's Day Brunch ↑

Ten Dignity members and friends gathered for brunch at Julia's in Wallingford on Saturday, March 17. (The wait staff photographer accidentally cut-off one participant'—apologies!) Please join us for the next brunch on Saturday, May 26. Details are on the front page.

#### Sorting Dry Goods for Food Lifeline →

Tuesday evening, April 3, five members and friends of Dignity/Seattle sorted a wide variety of nonperishable food and household essentials for the needy across Western Washington. Our efforts, combined with those from a couple additional organizations, boxed and stacked on pallets over 12,000 pounds of dry goods. We hope you can join us for our next Food Lifeline volunteer evening on Tuesday, June 5: See front page for details.

