



# Newsletter

## February 2008

### Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→ 10:30 a.m.	St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
Feb. 10, Mar 9	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

### Upcoming Events of Interest

**Jim Eblen talks about Vatican II**  
**Thursday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.**  
**St. Patrick Parish, 2702 Broadway E**

The third installment of "The Vision and Hope of Vatican II" series: Where are we today as a Church and how does the Council continue to inspire and guide us? "Liturgy and Vatican II" will be presented by local theologian, Fr. Jim Eblen in the Parish Social Hall. For more information, contact the parish: 206/329-2960.

**Video & Discussion: Church Sexual Abuse**  
**Saturday, February 23, 2:00 p.m.**  
**St. Patrick Parish, 2702 Broadway E**

Call to Action—Western Washington is sponsoring an event featuring Fr. Tom Doyle's video, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m., with discussion to follow. Doyle exposed the church's sexual abuse scandal in 1983.

**1st Quarter Birthday/Anniversary Brunch**  
**Saturday, March 1, 12:30 p.m.**  
**Julia's, 1825 Queen Anne Ave N**

Join Dignity/Seattle members for our quarterly celebration at restaurants that have supported Dignity/Seattle's Pride Week Breakfast. In November, 16 people gathered at Mae's Café for a really fun time! You should have received an "Evite" RSVP. If you do not have e-mail, contact Dignity/Seattle (see contact information next page.)

**Womenpriest Liturgy**  
**Saturday, March 29, 4:00 p.m.**  
**Ravenna United Methodist Church**

Call to Action—Western Washington has invited priest Toni Tortorilla and deacon Ruth Broeski, both ordained in the Roman Catholic Women Priests tradition, to celebrate an ecumenical Eucharistic Liturgy at RUMC, Dignity/Seattle's host church. For more information on CTA-WW, contact 360/357-6207 or <http://www.ctaww.org>.

### Some Lenten Reflections

Lent begins unusually early this year; it was only a mere month ago that the 12th and "final day of Christmas" was celebrated. In the midst of our extremely busy lives and the insanely active Presidential race, it's difficult to step back and make time to take a reflective look at our lives. While denial of normal pleasures has been the traditional way of observing Lent, a more modern take is to be proactive and DO something good for yourself and for the community. There is no shortage of causes . . . including this faith community of Dignity/Seattle. Read Paula Lavalley's eloquent New Year's message in the previous Newsletter (<http://www.dignityseattle.org>) for suggestions on how you can give of yourself to Dignity.

Supporting allied (religious) organizations also strengthens Dignity. This month's Newsletter advertises two Call to Action—Western Washington activities. CTA is the umbrella organization of the church reform movement, and its members are highly supportive of Dignity. Likewise, Dignity's "unofficial chaplain," Fr. Philip, presides over an Ecumenical Catholic Communion community that embraces GLBT Catholics. **Note the change of the St. Ignatius Mass time to 10:30 a.m.** Our mutual support will eventually lead to stronger faith communities and more effective alliances that will bring hope and reconciliation to our church and to our lives.

Acting on some of these ideas sounds like good Lenten resolutions to me.

—Leo

### Dignity/VancouverBC/Dignité

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Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Denis L-H's. Burnaby. 604/430-3466.

Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. 6:00 p.m. Potluck supper at Gerry W's. Vancouver. 604/435-1950.

## Official Business

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Jim Rankin	Vice President
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary (Liturgy chair)
Delia Vita	Treasurer (Social co-chair)
Alan Scott	At large (Social co-chair)

### DignityUSA Board Member from Seattle

Leo Egashira	At large (Communications)
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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.

### Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance	\$1,596.30
Interest income	0.39
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$1,596.69</b>

### Notes:

- The Scholarship Fund is currently at \$250.00
- Delia V. will send "Thank You" letters to those who have donated both for tax purposes and to express the Board's appreciation on behalf of D/S.

**M/M/S/C:** To accept financial report as submitted.

### Committee Reports

#### Social Committee: (Alan Scott & Delia Vita)

- The fourth quarter birthday/anniversary social on November 10<sup>th</sup> at Mae's was a success. Many showed up and had a good time.

### Old Business:

- IRS form: Delia V. obtained and filed the appropriate IRS form which needs to be filled out every year.
- Response to commentary by Leo about possibly sharing space with St. Ignatius E.C.C.: Since Philip Knowles now has a separate space at RUMC, the issue has been resolved.
- Membership Committee: Paula L. redid the brochure, updating some of it. She'll bring the updated version of it to the next meeting for approval. She'll also get letters out to new and lapsed members. She will include on the form for new members an invitation for them to be put on the e-mail list for newsletters.

### New Business:

- Social Committee-1st quarter birthday/anniversary social: Alan S. and Delia V. will call Julia's in Queen Anne. They decided upon . . . March 1<sup>st</sup>. Alan will send out Evites like he did the last time.
- 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party: Paula L. said the Social Committee should start thinking about what we're going to do for the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. The Board needs to work on updating the history of D/S booklet.
- Leo's E-mail responses: "Late Nite Catechism": Leo suggested that a group of us get together for a social by attending "Late Nite Catechism" together. A number of Board members expressed interest in doing so in early spring. Alan will also solicit some feedback from people who attend the quarterly social about this.
- Leo's E-mail responses: Fundraising: The Board decided that they would work with Leo on any fundraising ideas he has.

**Next Board Meeting: March, TBA**

Meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted by:  
Denise Arceneaux, Secretary

### Board Minutes Summary, January 16, 2008

(Edited for length: For complete minutes, see Secretary)  
Meeting was called to order at 6:07 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 November 7, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.

### Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

#### Checking Acct.

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$968.48</b>
Collection--November	315.00
Collection--December	89.00
Collection—January	180.00
Donation	1,200.00
Donation for Scholarship Fund	50.00
<b>Total Deposit</b>	<b>1,869.00</b>
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$2,837.48</b>

#### Expenses (December – January)

Newsletter printing/ mailing	\$99.69
Advertising: SGN	60.00
Telephone	84.00
Rent: RUMC	150.00
Liturgy: Presider's stipend	60.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$453.69</b>
<b>Ending Balance:</b>	<b>\$2,383.79</b>