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Spirituality, Equality and Justice: Nurtured in a Welcoming Catholic Community

The annual *Race for the Cure* is Saturday, May 22nd, kicking off at Comerica Park.

Please contact Denise Smith if you are interested in participating, either in person or with a financial contribution in support of Team Dignity.

Join us as we celebrate our 36th Anniversary at our annual Dinner/Dance...

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

Our Keynote speaker will be the Reverend Mark Bidwell, from MCC-Detroit

We will also have items for bid at our silent auction, our annual awards presentation, along with good food and DJ-provided music for your dancing pleasure!

All are welcome!

Please feel free to invite your family and friends to our Anniversary Mass on May 16.

Motor City Pride is coming to downtown Ferndale on Sunday, June 6

Dignity Detroit will be present and we need your help in promoting our ministry. Volunteers are being sought to help staff the booth.

If you can spare even just a little time for this important community outreach, please see Denise Smith.

We are looking for a few more last-minute donations for the silent auction at our Anniversary Dinner.

If you wish to donate an item or know of someone who can, please see Michelle Snyder or Jim Carlin for the details on supporting this popular part of our celebration.

....and the winners are....

Our annual March Madness Raffle was another success, thanks to all of you who participated. In total, we raised \$1,828. As at least half of that amount was to be designated to the IHM South Africa AIDS Outreach Ministry, we have sent a check for the amount of \$1,000.

Congratulations to the winners of our cash prizes:

\$500 - Bill F.

\$250 - Joe M.

\$100 - Ken M.

This was our 10th most successful raffle and we thank you for your generosity.

It's time to clean out those closets and dresser drawers again.

Through May 9, we will be collecting your clean, used clothing to donate to our friends at the Capuchin Mission.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and please see Denise Smith if you have any questions.

4th Annual River Cruise - June 26, 2010 - 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Steppin' Out and Motown Invitational Classic are teaming up again this year to bring you the River Cruise! Come aboard the "Diamond Belle" for a fantastic time - tickets are \$25 for this day cruise, and can be purchased by calling Steppin' Out (248-399-9255), or by stopping in at Five15 in downtown Royal Oak or ZMC Pharmacy on North Main in Royal Oak. Steppin' Out and Motown Invitational Classic will be hosting an evening cruise later in the summer as well - stay tuned for more details!

Boarding begins promptly at 12:45 pm at Rivard Plaza.

Calendar of Events -

May 2010

- 1 - Council Election ballots mailed**
- 2 - Sunday of Easter**
Rosary Sunday
- 9 - 6th Sunday of Easter**
Clothing Drive ends
- 15 - 36th Anniversary Dinner /**
Dance at Park Place Dearborn
- 16 – Feast of the Ascension**
36th Anniversary Liturgy
Council Meeting at 4:30
- 23 - Feast of Pentecost**
- 30 - Feast of the Holy Trinity**

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2009/10 Dignity Detroit Council

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Treasurer: Glenn Crane

Community Involvement Coordinator:
Denise Smith

Social Chair: Michelle Snyder

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

For many years, Dignity Detroit has served our less fortunate brothers & sisters at the Soup Kitchen on Detroit's east side.

Our volunteer participation needs your help on the 2nd and 4th Friday each month between 3:30 - 6:00.

Please see George K. or Denise S. if you can help with this important com-



Dignity Detroit meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 pm

Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College

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Dignity Detroit meetings:

Our meetings are open to all

Council -

Third Sunday every month @ 4:30 pm

General Membership -

Third Sunday of January, April, July and October,
immediately after Mass

Batter Up!!!

There is still time to join in the opportunity to help out at the vendor booth for the Detroit Tiger home games. We are partnering with St. Mark's Parish for this fundraising effort. Please see Denise Smith for more info.

**Dinner Dance tickets are on sale between April 4 and May 9 for \$50 / person
No tickets will be available at the door!**

Our venue will be Park Place in Dearborn.

A buffet-style dinner, with vegetarian options, will be served.

As there will be an open bar, we most definitely urge all guests to please drink responsibly!!!

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

There will be a Council Election in May. Each member of record as of March 1st will receive a ballot, a copy of the Intent-to-Run forms submitted by the candidates and a stamped return envelope. **Per the Constitution, ballots must be postmarked by Monday, May 31.** (*keep in mind that is also Memorial Day*).

Any ballot handed to a member of the Election Committee, any member of council or dropped in the collection basket will be destroyed. The Election results will be announced after Mass on Sunday, June 6th. We have two candidates for President, one for Treasurer and no candidate for Social Chair. Per the constitution, it will be up to the new Council to fill the Social vacancy by appointment after the beginning of their term which is July 1.