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

AIDS Walk - Detroit

Registration is now open for AIDS Walk - Detroit in downtown Royal Oak on Sunday, September 19th.

This year Team Dignity will be joined by the folks at Foley Lardner and folks from Sam's Club. Foley had their own walk team last year, but will be walking with us this year (thanks, Patrick!!). Folks from Sam's Club will be joining us for the first time (thanks, Jason!!!).

Please consider joining us either as a walker or by supporting Team Dignity with a tax deductible donation. Checks should be made payable to "Steppin' Out" and can be dropped in the collection basket; placed in the plastic jug that will be out during the After-Mass Social; or mailing it to our PO Box.

When registering online at www.aidswalkdetroit.org, click on "join a team" and then find Dignity Detroit. It's that easy! **September 5 is the deadline to register. YOU MAY SEE A SCREEN REGARDING A DONATION.....YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO MAKE A DONATION TO REGISTER FOR THE WALK.**

If you do not have access to a computer or otherwise have any questions, please contact Denise Smith or Frank D'Amore.

As of July 11, with four more games to go, the total commission that Dignity Detroit has received from working the concessions at Comerica Park during the Tiger games is \$918.89. The final tally will be in the September newsletter. Our game totals depend on how many of us are tending the booth with St. Mark's. Go Dignity! Go Tigers!

There is no use trying to help those who do not help themselves. You cannot push anyone up a ladder unless they are willing to climb.

Andrew Carnegie

What are the ways in which we're holding back from wholehearted participation in things that matter to us? We must evaluate circumstances and consult our own feelings and needs before plunging headlong into any situation, but when we keep postponing things we care about, inaction itself becomes our choice.

Procrastination often is caused by fear. We may be afraid of making fools of ourselves, believing deep down that we're "not good enough". We needn't remain loyal to our old fears. We can stop denying ourselves full participation in our chosen paths. When we dare to make a beginning, we're no longer alone. Our Higher Power is part of the process. Whether taking small actions or large, whether in personal relationships or programs of recovery, at work or play, we can proceed wholeheartedly. Whatever we do with enthusiasm, energy, and commitment will inspire and transform us.

Most annual dues are coming up in September. Have you renewed your membership with Dignity yet?

Not sure where your membership stands? Please see Glenn Crane or Frank D'Amore for details.

Your membership to Dignity Detroit is valued and appreciated !!

Do you have an idea for a theme to a future retreat? We'd like to hear from you. We have traditionally held one in the fall, so put your thinking caps on now! These retreats are an important way for us to refresh our faith and spirituality - as one and as a community!

Email your theme idea to dignitydetroit74@yahoo.com or simply drop a note in the collection basket.

Call To Action's national conference is an annual homecoming. Thousands of progressive Catholics from around the country and abroad come together to create the largest gathering of progressive Catholics in the United States.

Our progressive Catholic heritage has a rich history of embracing prophetic voices both inside and outside the Catholic community. These voices come from women and men, married and single, divorced and remarried, ordained and lay. Their messages span the entire spectrum of skin color, sexual orientation, spiritual traditions, and way of life.

This year's conference, *Faithful Prophets: God Alive in Every Generation*, recognizes that God works and speaks through all persons of every age in each generation. All of us, from every generation, bring our God-given gifts to create a vibrant movement for justice and peace in our church and world.

In Milwaukee, you'll find inspiration in a wide range of speakers and presentations –especially our three keynote speakers. Shane Claiborne will share how he puts his faith in action working for non-violence, service to the poor, and a simpler way of life. Asra Nomani will offer a unique perspective as she works for inclusive reform in the Muslim tradition. Joan Chittister returns to the Call To Action family gathering with her perspective on the emerging prophets of the day.

In addition to these three inspirational spirits, the conference weekend will be packed with events, presentations, exhibits, and worship opportunities that guarantee to enlighten the mind and empower the soul.

Please join us in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from Nov. 5-7, 2010. Thousands of your Call To Action sisters and brothers will be waiting to celebrate your spirit, inspire you to work for justice, and to simply say, "Welcome home!"

Visit www.cta-usa.org to register or get more information.

Calendar of Events - August 2010

- 1 - 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Rosary Sunday
- 8 - 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
- 15 - 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
Council Meeting at 4:30
- 22 - 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time**
- 29 - 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**

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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-




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Dignity Detroit meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 pm

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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

Our community needs you...



We are in need of volunteers to fulfill the ministries of Acolyte and Sacristan.

As an Acolyte, you...

- ✦ assist the presider during the liturgy
- ✦ hold the liturgical books for the presider
- ✦ prepare the altar and the sacred vessels at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist
- ✦ serve as a Minister of the Eucharist during communion

As a Sacristan, you...



- ✦ prepare the liturgical books, the vestments, and other things necessary for the celebration of liturgy
- ✦ place the correct amounts of the bread and wine in the sacred vessels
- ✦ dress the altar
- ✦ gather all the necessary vessels and objects for the worship space and place them in their proper place

See Claudia after any liturgy if you wish to serve your community. Training will be provided!

We encourage and welcome anyone to volunteer throughout the year for the tasks that help Dignity Detroit function. This year we will be setting aside September 12 as an official day for you to offer your time and talent to serve your community.

Whether it's liturgical or social, nothing gets done without a volunteer to do it. Won't you consider helping make Dignity/Detroit the best it can be for all who enter our door?! "Volunteer Sunday" is just the day for you.

Mark you calendar...

Sunday, September 12 will be our "End of Summer" picnic following Mass. We will give away a door prize or two like we did at the Member Appreciation Party. Bring your favourite dish to pass and Dignity will provide the rest!