



**Serving LGBT Catholics Since 1974**

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

*DignityUSA envisions and works for a time when Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Catholics are affirmed and experience dignity through the integration of their spirituality with their sexuality, and as beloved persons of God participate fully in all aspects of life within the Church and Society.*

**Dignity Detroit offers community outreach for our less fortunate brothers & sisters at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.**

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

**For more information see Michael Frontiera**



**Calendar of Events  
October**

**2<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time**

**9<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time**

**16<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time  
Dignity Council Meeting and  
General membership meeting**

**23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time**

**30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time**



## **2016 AIDS Walk Detroit**

This year's AIDS Walk is in the books. The weather on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, could not have been more perfect. The energy level of the participants was way up there. Finally, the Names Project Quit panel opening ceremony was as respectful, solemn and emotional as ever. Although funds collected can be turned in until October 28<sup>th</sup> (Friday), the Dignity Detroit Walk Team did their usual outstanding work raising funds for the Health Emergency Lifeline Program (H.E.L.P.). The eleven Walk Team members raised over **\$9,000.00**. For those of you unfamiliar with HELP, the organization was founded in 1986 to provide emergency services and bridge health disparities for low income individuals and for people who are at risk, infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. HELP constantly strives to promote our clients' overall quality of life. Annually we assist over 1,200 individuals and families living in Southeast Michigan. HELP Provides:

- Housing and utility assistance
- Food vouchers and nutritional supplements
- Nutritional counseling
- Assistance accessing medical care
- Medical case management services
- Mental health counseling and emotional support
- Access to medications, insurance and other benefits.

The funds raised by the Dignity Detroit Walk team will go a long way in helping the men, women and children infected with/affected by this dreadful disease.

Thank you Walkers and financial supporters.

Frank D'Amore, Walk Team Coordinator



## **Annual Fall Retreat**

Our annual Fall Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Mercy Center, which is located on the grounds of the Mercy Sisters property in Farmington near Middlebelt and 11 Mile Rd. Come away with us for a day of prayer, discussion, relaxation and fellowship. We will begin at 8:30am with a continental breakfast, with the retreat starting at 9:00am; it will conclude around 4:00pm. Our theme is aligned with the Year of Mercy, and so we are pleased to have a Sister of Mercy as our facilitator. Maureen Mulcrone is a Sister of Mercy and a native of Detroit where she lived and ministered for many years. She is a member of Christ the King parish in Northwest Detroit. Maureen's ministries have included teaching, health care, fundraising for the Mercy Education Project and the Sisters of Mercy, and writing. Maureen first met Dignity as a graduate student when she was invited to become a chaplain for the Boston chapter. For your convenience, a registration form is included with this email. Registration ends on Sunday, November 6.



In the Gospels Jesus tells the disciples, and he tells us... “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.”

I am pleased that so many of you have, in the past, served our community in leadership roles at liturgy, assisting with the after-mass social, helping with fund-raising, participated in the Giving Tree and other out-reach programs, and organizing and lending a hand with the anniversary celebrations. Compared with other parishes we have an extremely high number of folks who volunteer.

Your Dignity Detroit Council is asking you to commit or recommit yourselves to one year of service to this community. On page 4 of this newsletter, you will find a form listing the various ministries we have. Please take a moment to mark those ministries where you have an interest. Don't worry if you've never done a particular thing before WE WILL TRAIN YOU!

We especially need volunteers in the following areas:

- Sacristan...this person sets up all the liturgical vessels and books before liturgy
- Acolyte...this person assists Father at the altar and serves as a Eucharistic Minister
- Greeter...this person arrives early to liturgy to welcome people and hand out the hymnals
- Choir...I'm sure Gary would welcome anyone who has a desire to lead us in song. No experience is necessary. The choir generally meets at 5pm each week to have a brief rehearsal.

Two “new” ministries have been added to the form this year...Launderer and Purify Sacred Vessels after Mass. For many, many years Ross has been purifying the vessels and Sonja (with help from Mary Lou and Carolyn) has been washing all the altar linens. I would LOVE to be able to give them some help with this, therefore, if you are inclined, please check those areas! Neither of those ministries are difficult, but they are vital to this community.

Please, take a moment to fill out the form and either mail it to us or drop it in the collection basket at liturgy.



*Claudia*



**YES!** I would like to volunteer my time and talents to our Dignity Detroit family in the following areas:

- Lector
- Commentator
- Eucharistic Minister
- Offertory Gift Bearer
- Usher
- Acolyte
- Greeter
- Liturgy Set-up (Sacristan)
- Choir
- Liturgical Decoration
- Liturgical Planning Committee
- Purify Sacred Vessels after Mass\*\*\*
- After-Mass Social Set-up
- After-Mass Social Clean-up
- Anniversary Celebration Committee
- Social Activities Committee
- Community Involvement Committee
- Representative to other organizations (if needed)
- Newsletter Committee
- Membership Committee
- Fundraising Committee
- Launderer (wash/iron altar linens)\*\*\*

**\*\*\*New this year**

**Please Print Legibly...Thanks!!**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best times to call: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please drop in the collection basket on any Sunday or mail to:

Dignity Detroit  
P.O.Box 558  
Royal Oak, MI 48068



*voices for justice, sharing our stories*

**FORTUNATE FAMILIES DETROIT  
PRESENTS**

a day of reflection, dialogue and prayer for Catholic families  
with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender daughters and sons

***THEME: Our Transgender Children ...Always Our Children***

**Saturday, November 5, 2016**

Christ the King Parish, 20800 Grand River at Burt Rd. in northwest Detroit

**1 pm-5pm** followed by Mass and Dinner

**Speakers:**

--Fr. Vic Clore, Pastor, Christ the King Parish

--Parent of a transgender child who will share his story.

--Rick Joseph, Michigan Teacher of the Year, who has played a major role in supporting the State of Michigan Guidelines for Safe and Supportive Learning Environments for LGBT Students.

**Registration fee:**

--\$15 per person

Limited scholarships are available. For information on scholarships or local event details, call 313.670.2613.

For more information or to obtain a registration form  
email [info@fortunatefamilies.com](mailto:info@fortunatefamilies.com), call us at 518-694-5508

# Dignity Detroit Fall Retreat



November 12, 2016

8:30 am-4:30 pm

Mercy Center

28650 W. 11 Mile Rd. Farmington, MI

Retreat Facilitator: Maureen Mulcrone, RSM,

Theme: *Reflections on Mercy in the Year of Mercy*

Suggested donation: \$20.00 (includes continental breakfast and lunch)

Scholarships are available.

Return completed form and check payable to Dignity Detroit  
by November 6.

\*\*\*\*\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you desire a vegetarian lunch \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

Questions? See Carolyn, Claudia or Frank

Dignity Detroit meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 pm in Sacred Heart Chapel at Marygrove College.

8425 W. McNichols @ Wyoming

Contact us at:

Postal Mail: P.O. Box 558, Royal Oak, MI 48068-0558

Voice-mail: 313-278-4786

E-mail: [dignitydetroit74@yahoo.com](mailto:dignitydetroit74@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.dignitydetroit.org](http://www.dignitydetroit.org)

We are a 501 (c) 3 organization

DignityUSA:

P.O. Box 376

Medford, MA 02155-0376

Phone: 800-877-8797

E-mail: [info@dignityusa.org](mailto:info@dignityusa.org)

Dignity Detroit offers community outreach for our less fortunate brothers & sisters at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit.

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

Please see Michael F. if you can help.  
Thank You!!!



**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.

**Is your membership expiring soon?**

You can renew by logging on to the Dignity/USA website. If you don't have access to a computer, renewal packets are available on the back table in the Chapel for you to mail in.

Anyone who cannot afford the \$50 membership is encouraged to see any member of council for the **confidential** Angel's Fund program. All you have to do is ask!

**Ken Wojciak**

**Interior/exterior painting**

**Free estimates**

**313-319-7712**

**[KenWojciak@gmail.com](mailto:KenWojciak@gmail.com)**