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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.

October 7, Dignity will observe the Feast of St. Francis. As he is the patron saint of animals, we will have a special blessing for your pets. Please bring a picture of your pet to be placed at the altar during Mass.

Our annual non-perishable food drive is underway! Donations will be collected every Sunday throughout October to benefit the Gesu Community Food Bank.

Thank you for your generosity!

The unofficial total for the Dignity contribution to the AIDS Walk is just over \$11,000. Thank you to all who donated and participated!

Calendar of Events - October 2012

- 7 - 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Feast of St. Francis
Rosary Sunday
- 14 - 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 21 - 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Council meeting at 4:30
- 28 - 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Dignity Community,

How can I thank you for the many levels of support which you have been for me as I experienced cancer treatments and moving. The personal assistance with preparing for and helping assist in my move is especially appreciated--blessings to Patrick, Tom S., Tom C., Sr. Mary Ann, Denise, Carolyn for this! Great thanks for the Council's decision to aid with transportation costs.

This is my second move since I've been a Dignity member, and each time I rave that I could not have done it without your support. It is thoroughly true. And I thank all who have included my physical well being in your prayers. God knows I need them all (and She does....). I am delighted to share the news that I am now in complete remission. I look forward to some time of normalcy :-)

Bless each of you and keep us all ONE in the Spirit,

Sr. Barb

Dearest Dignity Family,

Thank all of you for the generous gift! The money will help pay for Vaughn's headstone—to be placed in the spring. You are all a wonderful group of kind and caring individuals.

Sincerely, Art and Amy Daggett

There is a song we've sung at chapel a few times entitled, *The Summons*. The lyrics to the first verse are:

*Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

Jesus is, indeed, calling each of us to serve him and one another. To this end, your Council is asking you to commit yourselves to one year of service to this community.

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, serving at the soup kitchen 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.

We need you to make that commitment again and fill out the Volunteer form that can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Please take a moment to fill out the form and 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 Kevin 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.

Liturgical Decoration...these people decorate the chapel for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ken, Duane, and Dennis have been spear-heading this ministry, but Duane and Ken's involvement will be limited due to Duane's transfer to the west side of the state.

Newsletter...After many years of service, Steve White is "retiring" next month as the person who compiles the monthly newsletter. We really need someone to take over this responsibility. Steve will pass along tips to help ease the transition!

Please bring the completed form to the chapel the next time you celebrate liturgy with us and either give it to a member of Council or place it in the collection basket.

Thank you, again, for sharing your time and talents!

Can you help at a Soup Kitchen on November 24, from 9am—2pm? Your help would be greatly appreciated.

St. Patrick Senior Center

58 Parsons Street

Detroit, 48201

For more information, email Daniel Cuschieri at daniel.cuschieri@cchnet.net or call 734-740-8852. Thank you!

Plans are in the works for our annual fall retreat. Details are not ready at press time, but announcements will be made soon! We hope you will be able to join us in this very enlightening piece of our ministry.

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

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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 - 6:00.



Please see George K. or Denise S. if you can help. Thank You!!!

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!



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

___ Lector

___ After-Mass Social Set-up

___ Commentator

___ After-Mass Social Clean-up

___ Eucharistic Minister

___ 39th Anniversary Celebration Committee

___ Offertory Gift Bearer

___ Social Activities Committee

___ Usher

___ Community Involvement Committee

___ Acolyte

___ Representative to other
organizations (if needed)

___ Greeter

___ Newsletter Committee

___ Liturgy Set-up (Sacristan)

___ Membership Committee

___ Choir

___ Fundraising Committee

___ Liturgical Decoration

___ Chapel Cleaning Committee

___ Liturgical Planning Committee

___ Other (Please specify) _____

Please Print Legibly...Thanks!!

Name: _____

Please drop in the collection basket on any Sunday,

Phone: _____

or mail to:

Best times to call: _____

Dignity Detroit

E-mail address: _____

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