



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.

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See Daniel Cuschieri for more information



**Calendar of Events-
May 2014**

- 4th - Third Sunday of Easter**
- 11th - Fourth Sunday of Easter**
- 18th - Fifth Sunday of Easter
Council Meeting at 4:30pm**
- 25th - Sixth Sunday of Easter**
- 31st - (Saturday) Dignity Detroit
dinner dance!**



The March Madness raffle was again a great success! After all the expenses, ticket printing, postage and prizes the raffle had a net profit of \$1,703.00! The Board approved \$860.00 to be donated to the IHM South African AIDS outreach program.

The raffle has profited a grand total of \$48,550.00 since 1987.

Thank you to all who participated and congratulations to the winners!!!!

2014 Dignity Detroit Elections



Election Committee: Carolyn S.
Ross T.
Ruben C.

Slate of Candidates:	President:	Frank D'Amore
	Treasurer:	Rick Roos
	Social Committee:	Patrick John Sharpe

Since only one candidate for each office was submitted, the slate will be put up for a vote at a special June Membership Meeting. This meeting will be announced in May.

Submitted by:
The Election Committee

We are “Easter People” and



is our song!

This past Easter was cause for celebration on many levels. Of course, we rejoice in the Resurrection of the Christ. We rejoice that Jesus triumphed over eternal death. We rejoice that we are heirs of Eternal Life. But there are additional reasons to rejoice this Easter Season...



The entire Dignity Detroit community extends congratulations and God’s Blessings to **Ruben Carreri** and **Joe Stockert**. Ruben was received into full communion in the Catholic Church on Easter Sunday with the reception of the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. Joe, who is the son of Dignity member Barb Stockert, completed his initiation into the Church on Easter as he received the sacrament of Confirmation.

We are also proud of one of our younger members...8 year old **Liam Snyder-Welbes**. Liam, son of Claudia and Michelle, will receive his First Holy Communion on May 18th. It seems like yesterday that Liam was baptized during one of our Sunday celebrations!



Please keep Ruben, Joe, and Liam in your prayers as they continue their faith journey!

DIGNITY DETROIT'S 40TH ANNIVERSARY!!



Dignity Detroit will celebrate its 40th Anniversary of service to the Detroit LGBT community on May 31st. We are honored to have Retired Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson as our guest of honor.

We will celebrate that evening with dinner, dancing and a silent auction. The weekend will come to a close with our anniversary mass at 6:00pm on Sunday June 1, 2014. We are hoping that all will be able to join in the festivities.

Last year Dignity Detroit got some news coverage that we do not generally welcome. A couple of organizations planned to come and protest our Anniversary Mass. They contacted several news outlets to let them know that they did not feel Dignity Detroit was worthy of celebrating mass at Marygrove Sacred Heart Chapel.

But, I was ready. I worked closely with Marygrove and they assured me that Dignity Detroit was welcome at Marygrove! Marygrove security worked diligently and would not let news reporters or protestors on to the college campus.

The word was out; the papers had written articles about the protests. They got the press they wanted.

Sunday came and, at 5pm, the protestors began to show up.

What Dignity Detroit received was unexpected.....

IHM sisters, Fortunate Families, Marygrove Alumni, LGBT religious organizations, Catholic Communities and strangers all showed up to support Dignity Detroit and its mission. The pews in the Sacred Heart Chapel were full. Bishop Thomas Gumbleton and several other priests were celebrating mass with Dignity Detroit members, friends and allies.

Dignity Detroit may not always see our supporters or the families and friends that have come and gone from our masses, but we do make a difference, we all make a difference.

We need, and will continue, to provide a welcoming place for all to celebrate their Catholic Faith together.

Dignity Detroit is a spirit-filled community, striving to live a vision of Spirituality, Equality and Justice nurtured in a welcoming Catholic Community.

Happy Anniversary!!!!

Glenn Crane
President

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

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Di 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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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!

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Thank You!!!



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