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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
June 2014**

- 1st - 40th Anniversary Mass @ 6:00 p.m. and Ascension of the Lord**
- 8th - Pentecost Sunday and Motor City Pride. Special General Membership meeting after mass.**
- 15th - Trinity Sunday and Council Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.**
- 22nd - Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**
- 29th - Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul**



Mark your Calendars!

Dignity Detroit will have a booth on June 8th at Motor City Pride taking place at Hart Plaza. It would be appreciated if you would take a shift to work our booth. Please see Daniel Cushieri to sign up. Thank you!!

June 8th –There will be a special membership meeting to approve the slate of candidates for the council. The meeting will be right after liturgy and all members are asked to vote.



Register NOW as Jamie Manson discusses many things including "Sex, Love, Relationships, Commitment and Community," as well as "Why do I call myself Catholic?" at the First Dignity Young Adult Caucus (under 40) retreat in Washington DC, July 25-27.

Visit www.dignityusa.org for more information and to register!

\$25.00 for an all-inclusive weekend including meals and lodging. Need travel help? Don't sweat it! We want to help you, just let us know!

DO NOT MISS THIS WEEKEND! SPOTS ARE FILLING RAPIDLY!

I wasn't going to write an article for this month's newsletter. It wasn't that I didn't want to write one, it was more a matter of not knowing what to write. I thought to myself, "The well runneth dry." No sooner had I said that than two thoughts popped into my mind: *Does God go on vacation?* and *Pray where you're at*. No matter how hard I tried to push them away, I was plagued by those two thoughts. Rather than continue to run *from* them, I decided to run *toward* them and explore them a little deeper.



Does God go on vacation? This question intrigues me. Perhaps I want God to be just like me; while on vacation I forget the problems of the world, the annoyances of life, and the demands of everyday living. I try to slow down, relax, and just have fun. Now imagine God doing all of that. Preposterous, even laughable, isn't it? I simply cannot imagine God in a swimsuit lounging around creation.

All day I kept wondering why the question of God going on vacation was running through my head. Then it hit me. Even though we may go on vacation, take time away from our hectic lives—God never does. God is always present, all the time, everywhere. There is never a vacation, summer break, or retirement. What this means for us is that our God truly is awesome. If God never takes a break from us, then even when we vacation, we should not take a break from God. Prayer is essential to maintain a healthy relationship with the One who created us!

All of this eventually led me to my second thought: *Pray where you're at*. On a very simple level, it could mean that we can pray and worship God no matter what physical space we are in. Now, it's nice to pray in a church but it's not the only place we can pray. I was fortunate enough to grow up just a wee bit away from Lake Michigan. As a high school student I used to spend hours by the water—walking the beach, letting the waves wash over my feet, and watching sunsets. It was quiet and peaceful; a place where I could think and be one with my God. No, I was not some "holy roller Jesus freak", but I knew the importance of developing a connection with God. The beach was, and still is, my sacred space. On another level, "praying where you're at" means to pray your emotions. If you are happy, your prayer will reveal that. If you are sad, your prayer will reflect that as well. I am certain that every one of us has had at least one time in our lives where we haven't even felt like praying and so our prayer may have been, "God, you know what I need. I trust you'll take care of me."

As you travel about this summer, take time each day to talk to God. Welcome God into your life and allow the power of the Spirit to move you into making a difference in the lives of the people around you.

 Claudia

Dignity Detroit meets every Sunday evening at 6:00 pm in 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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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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