

**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.**



Capuchin Soup Kitchen

**Calendar of Events  
August 2014**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time**

**10<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time**

**17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time  
and council meeting**

**24<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time**

**31<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary time**

## Frankly Speaking.....

Ok, let's set the record straight. I never said I would never serve as President again, I said I was done...with that stretch.

Bottom line, I'm back and after two years of rest (???) I am ready to hit the road running again. I am fortunate to have a great team to work with, veterans Claudia, Rick, Marylou, Danny and newbie Patrick.

While it will take a month or two for us to really get moving, I believe we all have one thing in common...taking Dignity Detroit to the next level. It has been 40 years and without taking any actions, there might not be many more. I AM NOT BEING THE VOICE OF DEMISE here. We cannot just sit on our laurels. There is so much yet for us to do. We need to grow our membership. We need to expand our list of presidents. We need your involvement!!

Just a warning, don't be surprised, if at sometime, somewhere, someone comes up to you, taps you on the shoulder and says, "Smile, would you please help!".

As the Council gets down to business, you will be reading more of our plans here in this Newsletter!



I wanted to share a bit about the spiritually enriching experience Kayla and I were recently able to take part in. The Dignity Young Adult Caucus (DYAC) had their first ever young adult retreat. 42 LGBTQA persons who were ages 20-40 (Dignity members and nonmembers) gathered in Washington D.C for a weekend to reflect, plan, and grow in our faith community. Our facilitator for the weekend was Jamie Manson, who is a graduate of Yale's Master of Divinity program, a writer for the National Catholic Reporter, and lesbian woman living in New York with an inspiring story. Naturally, she was very knowledgeable but she was also extremely accessible and relatable to this young adult community. She opened up discussion on being LGBTQ and Catholic in our current society, ethics related to love/sex/relationships, and how to continue to grow our community at Dignity in an inclusive and affirming way for all. We also saw the D.C. sights, danced, and socialized...because it wouldn't have been a young adult function without a little fun!! Similar to what Frank said above we also feel blessed, energized and called to be a part of this wonderful Dignity Detroit family. We hope through God's grace we will be able to all come together to continue to develop ideas and projects to grow our community both with young adults and otherwise, so we can continue provide this support, prayer and feeling of wholeness to others with in our wider community. --Ashley



## Mark your calendars!

### AIDS Walk - Detroit 2014

It is that time of year again. About AIDS Walk Detroit: In 1991 a group of local merchants and shop keepers in Royal Oak started AIDS Walk Detroit as a 'simple request' to raise money for individuals reeling from the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Today AIDS Walk Detroit has evolved into the largest grassroots HIV/AIDS fundraiser in the state of Michigan. Over the past 23 years AIDS Walk Detroit has raised \$3.7 million to benefit HIV/AIDS services here in Michigan. AIDS Walk Detroit 2014: This year AIDS Walk Detroit will take place on Sunday, September 14th (one week earlier than normal) at the Royal Oak Farmers Market. We have ambitiously set a goal of raising \$220,000 through this year's event and mobilizing over 3,500 participants to participate. This year we are challenging each and every one of our supporters to make these goals a reality.

It costs nothing to register to Walk. Just visit <http://www.aidswalkdetroit.org> and click on "join a team", search for Dignity Detroit and it is that simple. There is an opportunity to make an initial contribution to get things started, but that is purely AN OPTION!!!!



**The Blue Water Pregnancy Care Center Walk for Life 2014** takes place Saturday September 13, 2014 @Pine Grove Park, Port Huron, MI along the beautiful St Clair River adjoining Lake Huron. Registration 8:30am. The 2 mile walk begins at 9am. You can walk there or any location of your choice. For more info and to get a registration form go to [BlueWaterBabies.org](http://BlueWaterBabies.org) or call 810 985 4673 for a hard copy to be mailed to you.



## Mark your calendars for our annual *Mass on the Grass & End of the Summer Potluck*

We will celebrate liturgy on the lawn adjacent to Madam Cadillac on September 7th at our normal 6pm time. **Be sure to bring a lawn chair or blanket on which to sit!**

If you can arrive early (5pm) to assist in setting things up it would be greatly appreciated! We must carry from the chapel all the necessary items needed for liturgy.

**Please see Patrick to sign up to bring your favorite dish to pass for the potluck.**

**Main dish will be provided!**

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!

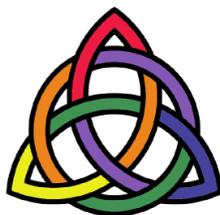
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Thank You!!!



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