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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

41st Anniversary Celebration

Honoring our Past...

Embracing our Future

Saturday, May 16th— Anniversary Dinner/Dance

Park Place 23400 Park Street Dearborn

Cocktails: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Open Bar and Silent Auction

\$50.00

NO TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

Sunday, May 17th— Anniversary Liturgy

Sacred Heart Chapel, Marygrove College

8425 W. McNichols

Detroit, MI

6:00 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Frankly Speaking

This is it! We have waited 11 months, but it is now time to celebrate. I am of course talking about our 41st Anniversary Celebration weekend. Our chance to celebrate who we are and what we are all about.

Festivities begin on Saturday, May 16th at Park Place in Dearborn. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are still available, but sales must end on Sunday, May 3rd. **NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR FOR PURCHASE.** If you need a ticket order form, check on our website, <http://www.dignitydetroit.org>, we have uploaded a form there for your convenience. To truly celebrate us, we

have decided to forego a guest speaker this year. We will still have our silent auction and dancing until your feet hurt.

Our celebration culminates with our Anniversary Liturgy on Sunday, May 17th, at our usual 6 p.m. time in Marygrove College's Sacred Heart Chapel. This is really the essence of what we are all about. Sharing in the Eucharist with anyone and everyone who chooses to join us. All are welcome. Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, transgendered, straight.....we are all here because God deems it so.

I would like to try something new this year for the Anniversary Liturgy. I am confident that each of us knows of at least one or two (if not more!) individuals who have attended Dignity Detroit Liturgies in the past and for whatever reasons, no longer attend. If each of us were to reach out and invite these folks back, only if it is for this one Liturgy, we would have our own Mass Mob and fill the chapel. Who knows, those invited back may stick around for a week, a month or even years. Sometimes, it only takes an invitation.

Happy Anniversary!!
Frank



The "Walk" Season is just about here. Race for the Cure is the first. Click on the link below and join team Dignity Detroit. Whether or not you collect monetary sponsorships, walk in support of those who have lost the battle with breast cancer and just as important, those who have survived. For further information, please contact Denise Smith.

Saturday, May 16th Chene Park, Detroit racefortheure@karmanos.org 248.304.2080

Happy Anniversary!

This month we celebrate many things...Mother's Day, the Feast of the Ascension, Pentecost, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity, Memorial Day and even Cinco de Mayo! And while these days are important, there is another day which is foremost in the minds of many Dignity members...our own Dignity Detroit Anniversary.

Growing up, I would marvel at how my parents celebrated their anniversary. Often, there was very little fanfare; my dad always bought my mom a box of Gilberts Panama Chocolates (hard to find these days) and they would go out to dinner leaving my brother, sister, and me in the capable care of our grandparents. One thing I remember distinctly about their anniversary was how they would reminisce about their earlier years. We loved hearing their stories of dating, the wedding day, and early married life.

I propose that as we celebrate our Dignity Detroit Anniversary we all spend some time reminiscing about our community. Sure, it's nice to read about our history, but wouldn't it be great to hear some personal stories? To this end, I am hoping that many of you will take the time to help me with this idea.

Would you please share your story? How did you find Dignity (or how did Dignity find you)? How long have you been a member and what changes have you seen over the years? What are some of your fondest memories of our community? What does Dignity Detroit mean to you?

With your permission, of course, I would love to share your memories with the entire Dignity Detroit family. If you would like to do this, please send me your story via email. Or, if it's easier for you, just jot it all down on a piece of paper (legibly of course) and hand it to me on any Sunday when you come to chapel. I'm sure you all have funny or poignant or fascinating memories to share!

On the Feast of the Ascension (our anniversary liturgy), the evangelist Mark tells us: *Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."* As we celebrate 41 years of ministry I encourage you to proclaim your gospel...your good news...to the rest of us.



Claudia

Calendar of Events—May 2015

3rd—5th Sunday of Easter

10th—6th Sunday of Easter

**16th—41st Anniversary
Dinner/Dance**

**17th—Feast of the Ascension
41st Anniversary Liturgy
Council Meeting at 4:30pm**

24th—Feast of Pentecost

**31st—Solemnity of the Most Holy
Trinity**

Mark your calendars!



**The Cross and The Light Concert
Experience- Three shows remaining!**

**Our Lady Star of the Sea, April 30 - May 2
St. Frances Cabrini, May 7-9, 2015
St. Isidore, May 14-16, 2015**

EVENING PERFORMANCES:

**First Two Rows: \$35
Adult Tickets: \$20
Student Tickets: \$10**

**See www.crossandlight.com for more
information!**

Community Directory

It is time to update our Community Directory. If you currently have information in the Directory and there are no changes, you need take no action whatsoever. If you would like to have information published in the Directory, we have included a Directory Form with this newsletter. Supply only the information you feel comfortable sharing with the other individuals whose information is listed. Forms are due back by Sunday, May 17th and the new Directory will be published and distributed by May 31st.

Keep in mind that only those individuals who have information published in the Directory will receive a copy of the Directory.



This September, AIDS Walk Detroit will take place in downtown Royal Oak. Registration is now open. One change this year is a \$25.00 registration fee. Here again, whether or not you collect monetary sponsorships, walk in support of those who have lost the battle with HIV/AIDS, those living with HIV/AIDS and just as important, the family and friends of those affected/infected with HIV/AIDS. For further information, please contact Frank D'Amore.

**Sunday, September 13th
Downtown Royal Oak
www.aidswalkdetroit.org
248.399.WALK**

Dignity Detroit Community Directory

The directory will only be shared with individuals who fill out this form.

Please feel free to share as much information as you wish.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____
please designate if cell or home number

E-mail: _____

Birthday(s) (month/day): _____

Completed forms may be placed in collection basket, given to any council member or
mailed to us at:

PO Box 558, Royal Oak, MI 48068-0558

Deadline for submission is Sunday, May 17th.
The directory will be distributed by May 31st.

If you would like to be removed, please write only your name and “Remove”

The next directory update will be November, 2015.

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

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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 - 6:00pm.

Please see Daniel C. 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!



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