



Newsletter

January 2010



Happy New Year!

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 rd Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→	10:00 a.m. St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
Jan 10, Feb 14	→	6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

A pancake breakfast following Mass is held every 4th Sunday (January 24th), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

Catholics for Marriage Equality in Washington State

This fall, Dignity/Seattle has been joined by John Reardon. John is currently studying for a Ph.D. in theology at Fordham University and a Masters in Social Work at Smith College's School for Social Work. For one of his Smith projects, John has been working with Equal Rights Washington to promote marriage equality. He was actively involved in the campaign to approve Referendum 71 and spent a good deal of time speaking with people of faith at a number of Seattle churches. He debated Knight of Columbus Robert Struble at the Richmond Beach United Church of Christ.

Now that Ref 71 has passed, one of John's goals is to encourage more Catholics to be involved in the fight for marriage equality. He argues, "The Church has a right to a specific theological definition of marriage. But civil society should be offering the same legal rights and benefits to every committed couple."

Catholics, and all people of faith, who are interested in supporting marriage equality are invited to contact John at (508) 272-1652 or by email at jpreardo@smith.edu. ▼



The Dignity/Seattle Board did not meet in December.

**Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 6,
6:00 p.m. at Delia's home. Everyone is welcome!**

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Sunday, January 10, Preparing dinner in the brand new kitchen for "Friends for Life Society. Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 22, 7:30 p.m. Worship Liturgy at Dennis L-H's. 604/430-3466.

Saturday, January 24, 7:30 p.m., Potluck Supper at Vincent/Peter's 604/325-1554.

Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting at Gerry's. 604/435-1950..

Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavalley	President
Michael Linden	Vice-President
Delia Vita	Treasurer
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary
Alan Scott	Member, Social chair

DignityUSA Board Member from Seattle

Leo Egashira	At large (Publications)
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We provide a safe environment for people to reconcile our God-given gifts of sexual orientation and our Catholic faith through gay-affirming liturgies. Being part of the Dignity/Seattle family means claiming ownership of our faith and living up to the responsibilities of that ownership.



Mark your calendars

Father Roy Bourgeois, MM, in Seattle

Saturday, April 10, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., Father Roy Bourgeois will talk about Shattering the Glass Ceiling, his promotion of women to the Catholic Priesthood. It will be held at St. Mark's Cathedral, Bloedel Hall, in Seattle. Father Bourgeois is a Maryknoll Priest, founder of School of the Americas (SOA) Watch, human rights-activist, and outspoken advocate for Women's Ordination.

On November 22, 2009 Father Bourgeois and the SOA Watch was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. He is on an American tour sponsored by Call To Action.

West Coast Call To Action Conference 2010 Building Inclusive Christian Community April 16, 17, 18, 2010 Santa Rosa, California

Flamingo Conference Resort and Spa
2777 4th Street
Santa Rosa, California
707-545-8530

Keynote Speakers:

Mary Ramerman and Jim Callan; Edwina Gateley; Michael Morwood

Workshop Presenters include:

Marek Bozek; Brian Swimme and Fr. Brian Joyce; Susan Olson; Victoria Rue; Jean Hall; Nancy Taylor

For more information go to: <http://www.cta-redwood.org>
For questions, call Bill at 707-538-9664 or Dan at 707-996-5765

Early Bird Registration includes a \$25.00 discount and must be received by February 1, 2010

Registration includes three Saturday meals and Sunday breakfast.

To reserve hotel rooms at the Flamingo, call 707-545-8530.

Room rates start at \$99.00.
Mention CTA conference.

