



Newsletter

July 2012



Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 rd Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→ 10:00 a.m.	St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
July 8, August 12	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

A pancake breakfast following St. Ignatius Mass is held every 4th Sunday (July 22nd), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

24th Annual Pride Week Breakfast

Our community-wide raffle and breakfast was held on Saturday, June 23, 2012. Proceeds of approx. \$2400 (minus expenses) will be divided among Rosehedge/Multifaith Works, Bailey-Boushay House and Dignity/Seattle. Please patronize the donors listed below and thank them on behalf of Dignity/Seattle.

Raffle Grand Prizes

- Handmade Quilt, made and donated by **Teri Lapetino** and **Janet Voorhies**
- 4-night stay at the "Potrero Hill Guest House," San Francisco, donated by **John Weston**
- 3-night stay at the "Pacific Suite" condominium, Lincoln City, OR, donated by **Joe Weston**
- 4-hour yacht cruise on the "Distant Drum" sailboat with gourmet meal served aboard, donated by **Alan Scott**, Dignity/Seattle member.

Raffle Prizes

- **Julia's Restaurant** (a) One \$10 gift card. (b) Dinner & VIP Le Faux Tickets for two. 300 Broadway E, Seattle. 206-860-1818. (Also in Wallingford & Issaquah)
- **McMenamin's Restaurants** Two \$25 Gift Cards. 200 Roy St, Seattle. 206-285-4722 and "Six Arms," 300 E Pike St, Seattle. 206-223-1698.
- Two \$50 merchant gift cards donated by **Justin K.**
- Hand-made light box donated by **Tish C.**

Food Donations

- \$100 gift card from the **QFC at Broadway Market**. 417 Broadway E. 206-328-6920
- Cash donations: **Vasco D, Justin K, German R, Jim R, Paula and Tish, Tony D.**
- Sausage: **Janet V**
- Coffee: **Paula H**



Volunteers

Friday set-up:

Tom S, Aaron W, Leo E, Pete P, Delia V and Thomas, Annah P

Kitchen Crew:

Laure H, Paula H, Teri L, Paula L, Janet V

Dish washers:

Denise A, Gary G

Greeters/Ticket Sales:

Alan S, Pat R, Jim R, Delia V

Servers:

Aaron W, Steve K, Katelyn B, Patty D, Kerry D, Keegan D, Craig B, Tom S, Greg H, German R, Pete P



Save the date! Dignity/Seattle's Summer Picnic: Saturday, Aug. 4.

Board Members & Contact Info

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
Paula Hills	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.

Upcoming Events of Interest

July 8, Sun: Monthly Dignity/Seattle Mass

July 10, Tue: D/S Board Meeting at Delia's

Aug. 4, Sat: Dignity's Summer Picnic at Woodland Park

Aug. 22, Wed: New Ways Ministry Sister Jeannine Gramick & Frank DeBernardo host town meeting on Marriage Equality

Seattle GLBT Pride Parade, June 24, 2012

Catholics for Marriage Equality—Washington

By Leo N. Egashira

This year's Seattle GLBT Pride Parade, one of the largest in the nation, took on special meaning, with the fate of Washington State's newly-enacted Marriage Equality Law up for a vote with Referendum 74 in November. God must have been pleased, as She blessed the celebration with sunny, mild weather in an otherwise cold, wet Seattle June.

While there were many people who toiled for decades to pass the law, especially Seattle State Senator Ed Murray, the "heroine" and one of the Grand Marshals of the Parade was Catholic Governor Christine Gregoire, who pushed for and signed the Marriage Equality Bill, and who received loud ovations along the entire route of the parade, watched by over 200,000 happy celebrants.

Of the 130 or so groups in the Parade, the largest, with 300 marchers, was Washington United for Marriage, which included Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn. Not far behind in participants, at over 200, was the Catholics for Marriage Equality—Washington (CFMEWA) contingent (which included a large sub-group from St. Joseph Parish). Included were families from throughout the state, men and women religious, Call To Action folks, Dignity/Seattle members—the whole spectrum of self-identified Catholics who believe in justice and equality for all.

Our group, dressed in red shirts, received loud and sustained applause from the crowds along the entire 4th Ave route. As one person stated, "The crowd inspired us as much as we inspired them." One young man came up to me and said, "Thank you for marching; I'm an altar boy at St. James Cathedral." With so many diverse Catholics marching, we presented a gay- and women-supportive face of the church, which is diametrically opposite of the hierarchy's stance. It was heartwarming to see that the crowd got that. I'm sure there are a lot of people in the crowd who need not ask in the future, "Isn't being gay and Catholic an oxymoron?" or "How can you be a woman in the church?"

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Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité Happy Canada Day! Happy Gay Pride Day!



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Monday, July 9th, 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting at Kevin/Don's. 604-874-3428

Friday, July 20th, 7:00 p.m. Worship Liturgy at Al O'N's. 604-817-7005

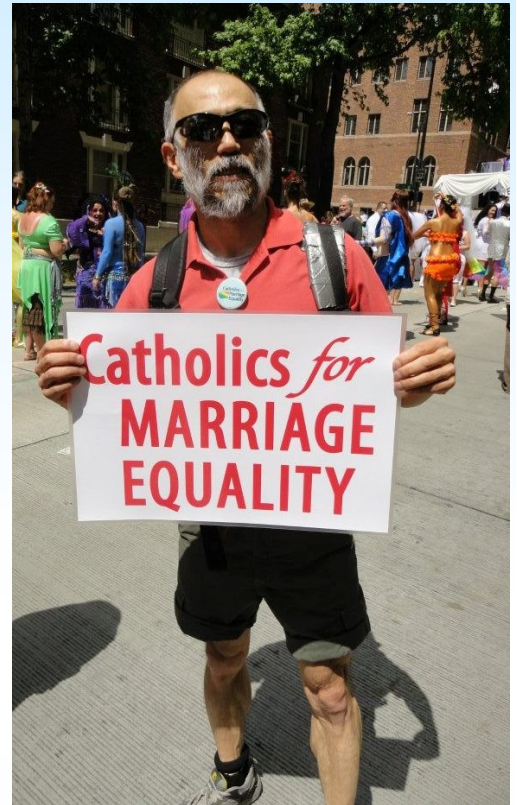
Sunday, July 29th, 4:00 p.m. Roman Catholic Women Priests, Canada West, invites you to the Liturgy of Ordination to the Priesthood of Victoria Marie. Ordaining Bishop, Marie Bouclin. Lakeview Multicultural United Church, 2776 Semlin Dr, Vancouver.

Vancouver B.C.s 2012 Gay Pride Parade is on Sunday, August 5th.

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With only four months until the Referendum 74 vote, CFMEWA is planning to raise \$100,000 to purchase ads in newspapers all across the state. Please visit the website www.catholicsformarriageequalitywa.org. Along with your signature, any donation from \$1 to \$10,000 will help CFMEWA spread the word statewide.

**Catholics for Marriage Equality—
Washington marches in Seattle's GLBT
Pride Parade, June 24, 2012**
Photos courtesy of CFMEWA



↑ Our group of 200+ approaching the Seattle Center

Dignity/Seattle member Leo Egashira

Call To Action—Western Washington leaders,
Betty Hill and Tom Hill from Olympia

↓ Families from St. Joseph Parish, Seattle





← Parade Grand Marshal,
Washington Governor Christine Gregoire

