# Dignity/Seattle

## **Rewsletter** Dec. 2104 — Jan. 2015

#### Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE Seattle

**Every Sunday** 

→ 10:00 a.m.

St. Ignatius ECC

Dec. 14, Jan. 11

→ 6:00 p.m.

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Anniversary of the firing of Vice-Principal Zmuda Rally & Prayer Vigil at the Archdiocese Friday, Dec. 19, 5:30 p.m. (see p. 3)

Christmas Eve Mass at Ravenna UMC Wednesday, Dec. 24, 10:00 p.m.





Dignity/Seattle's Annual Christmas Dinner, Saturday, December 6.

Thank you, Ray Curry (Left front in photo), for your generous hospitality and graciousness that exemplify the spirit of this holy season! And, thanks to Laure Hauge (back center, red vest) who auctioned off her hand-made Christmas light ornaments, netting nearly \$100 for "Toys for Tots." Another photo on page 3.

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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.

#### Dignity/Seattle at Food Lifeline

On the first Tuesday of every "even" month (February, April, June, August, October, and December), Dignity/ Seattle members have been volunteering at Food Lifeline in Shoreline. The photo below was from the December 2, 2014 volunteer night. The next one is scheduled for:

## Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 6:00 p.m.—8:00 1702 NE 150th St, Shoreline, WA 98155

If you can volunteer to help put food on the table for our Puget Sound neighbors in need, please e-mail dignity. seattle@gmail.com. We need to send a head count to Food Lifeline

Alan Scott writes about the December event: "Our Dignity/Seattle group of seven, together with two other groups for a total head count of around 20, managed to verify each head of squash as good and transfer them from large bins on pallets to 40-pound boxes that were again stacked on pallets. In total, the combined group of volunteers helped pack 14,480 pounds of fresh squash in little over an hour. This amount should provide 12,367 meals for the hungry people of Western Washington."



### **News & Events**

## Support Catholic LGBT Educators and Students Friday, December 19!

One Year Anniversary of the firing of gay, married Vice-Principal Mark Zmuda from Eastside Catholic High School

Friday, December 19, 2014, 5:30 p.m. Archdiocese of Seattle, 9th & Marion

Note from organizer Katherine Winchell:

I am one of the leaders of Catholics for Agape Love, a new Washington-based movement of Catholic youth that seeks to promote acceptance and respect of LGBTQ+ Catholics.

We're trying to organize a rally and prayer meeting outside of the Seattle Archdiocese on December 19th, the anniversary of Mr. Zmuda being fired from Eastside Catholic High School. This rally is meant to be a show of our support for acceptance of LGBTQ+ Catholics, as well as a chance for like-minded Catholics to gather and connect with each other.

We're still looking for a Church to host us for mass that night. If you can help with that effort, please e-mail catholicsforagapelove@gmail.com.

Please check out our <u>Facebook page</u> (https://www.facebook.com/CatholicsforAgapeLove).

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Every Sunday, 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community. The Listening Post, 352 Main St, Vancouver. tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com

## Convention 2015: Seattle! Planning for DignityUSA Convention

Seattle is hosting the July 2015 DignityUSA Convention! The local Convention Committee is meeting frequently, and we are looking for people to staff the Finance, Marketing and Registration Committees. If you can help or provide ideas, please e-mail dignity. seattle@gmail.com.





Christmas Dinner at Ray Curry's home.

Relaxing among friends after a delicious meal

