



Newsletter

Dec. 2015 — Jan. 2016

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year!

Dignity Liturgy Schedule: 2nd Sundays

December 13, January 10, February 14

You Are DignityUSA

By Leo N. Egashira

Merry Christmas! By now, most of you should have received the "Advent Appeal" letter from DignityUSA. The list of achievements and accomplishments from 2015 is impressive and is surprising even for a national board member like me. Re-read the green-colored insert enclosed with the appeal letter: DignityUSA is acting on your behalf throughout the country and in international arenas nearly every day of the year.

If you attended or volunteered for the 2015 Seattle Convention this past summer, you saw first-hand your financial contributions at work. Convention 2015 was acknowledged to be among the best conventions in recent years. People left the convention feeling good about our beautiful city, our hard-working Dignity/Seattle chapter, and DignityUSA.

On a personal note, your generosity allowed Jeff Stone (Dignity/New York) and me to participate in the first gathering of the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics in Rome, as well as our meeting with the U.S. Embassy to the Holy See.

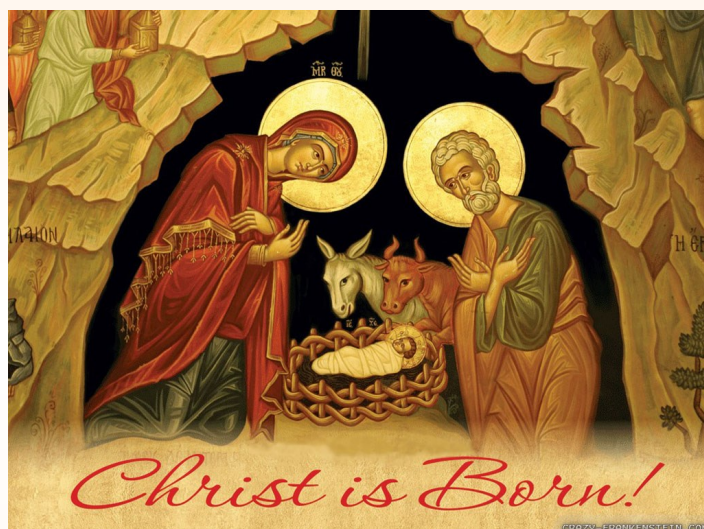
Our efforts and successes are greatly dependent on dedicated staff and volunteers and the financial support of the membership. I don't feel awkward asking for your financial support for DignityUSA and Dignity/Seattle for two reasons: (1) I so strongly believe in DignityUSA's work that I have served on the National Board for eleven years as Publications Committee Chair; and (2) Each year of service has meant \$1,000 to \$1,500 in out-of-pocket, in-kind donations to DignityUSA in the form of airline tickets, hotel accommodations, and other travel expenses to participate in national board meetings.

Former DignityUSA Board Secretary, current DignityUSA Convention Committee member, and current Dignity/Seattle President Paula Lavalée, together with partner Tish, continue to be exemplars of dedication and significant financial support to both DignityUSA and Dignity/Seattle.

If you believe in DignityUSA's mission and the work that Paula and I and countless others are doing on your behalf, please support our efforts. Consider making an \$84 monthly (\$1,008 annually) "Guardian Angel" pledge and become a "Major Donor." Or, make a one-time, tax-deductible donation this month. And, consider designating DignityUSA in your estate planning. Whatever financial support you can provide – big or small, one-time or monthly – will be greatly appreciated, acknowledged, and used to make an impact in the lives of fellow LGBT Catholics.

With your support, DignityUSA has accomplished a lot in the past year, but there is still much more important work ahead of us. Let us continue to work together in 2016: Please respond generously by mailing back the Advent Appeal donation envelope, or contributing on-line at <https://www.dignityusa.org/page/support-dignityusa>.

May the blessings of this holy season be with you now and in the New Year!



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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.



Prayers are requested for **Higinio Martinez**, as he battles late-stage cancer, and Higinio's partner, **Greg Hemsen**.



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1st & 3rd Sundays, 3:00 p.m. Mass celebrated by Roman Catholic Women Priests. Our Lady of Guadalupe Tonantzin Community. The Listening Post, 382 Main St (off E Hastings St, Vancouver. tepeyacvancouver@gmail.com.

For other monthly events such as potlucks and socials, please contact D/V/D via the contacts provided above.



DignityUSA Board Member and Publications Committee Chair, Leo N. Egashira, was the subject of a Thanksgiving Day story on KING-5 TV in Seattle. Find out why and how he is living and thriving with HIV. <http://www.king5.com/story/news/local/seattle/2015/11/26/seattle-man-remains-thankful-for-28-plus-years-of-life/76432668/>





Food LifeLine Volunteer Evening

Next session, Feb. 2, 2016

On Tuesday evening, December 1, six Dignity/Seattle members and friends repacked over 11,000 pounds of squash eliminating any that had turned to mush or had mold appearing on the skin.

Enough squash was saved during the two-hour volunteer session to provide the equivalent of 9186 meals for hungry families in Western Washington.

The next Food LifeLine volunteer evening will be Tuesday, February 2 at the Shoreline Facility. Please RSVP 206-659-5519, Dignity.Seattle@gmail.com.

Note that the warehouse facility and operations move in April 2016 to its new South Park location.



Dignity/Seattle Christmas Party, December 5, 2016

A small group gathered at Ravenna United Methodist Church to enjoy honey-baked ham, tasty salads, holiday cupcakes, and fabulous cherry pie. Toys and proceeds from the sale of Laure's light ornaments were collected for the "Toys for Tots" charity.

