



Newsletter

May 2007

Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33rd Ave NE Seattle
First Sundays at 1:00 p.m. -- St. Ignatius Community Liturgies
Second Sundays at 6:00 p.m. – Dignity/Seattle Liturgies

May 6 & June 3 → 1:00 p.m. St. Ignatius

May 13 & June 10 → 6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

Upcoming Event Dates

May 4: Robert Blair Kaiser in Olympia
May 5: Robert Blair Kaiser in Seattle →

May 6: St. Ignatius Mass at RUMC
May 6: Social meal at Coastal Kitchen (below)

May 9: Dignity/Seattle Board Meeting (page 3)
May 13: Dignity Mass at RUMC

May 18: Inlaws & Outlaws film
May 19: Inlaws & Outlaws film (next page)

June 23: Pride Week Breakfast (next page)

Sunday Afternoon Meal

Sunday, May 6th, 4:00 p.m.

Coastal Kitchen

429-15th Ave E (at E Harrison)

Please join us for an informal early dinner at this critically-acclaimed "Contemporary American" restaurant. The late afternoon timing means sitting down instead of waiting. Please RSVP to Steven Kearney: 425/791-4059.

Robert Blair Kaiser

How We can Reclaim Our Church

Sponsored by Call to Action Western Wash.

Friday, May 4th, 7:00 p.m.

St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall
Capitol Way at 19th Ave, Olympia

Saturday, May 5th, 1:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's Parish Social Hall
2702 Broadway E, Capitol Hill, Seattle

Robert Blair Kaiser, Catholic journalist and author, went through ten years in the Society of Jesus, then, three years shy of ordination, left the Jesuits to pursue a career in journalism. He covered the Second Vatican Council for *Time* magazine in the 1960s, worked on the religion beat for *The New York Times* in the 1970s, and served as journalism chairman at the University of Nevada-Reno in the 1980s. Four of his eleven published books deal with the Catholic Church: *Pope, Council and World*; *The Politics of Sex and Religion*; *Clerical Error* and his current work, *A Church in Search of Itself*.

Freewill donation of \$20 per family or as you are able will be appreciated. For more information, please visit: www.takebackourchurch.org. ▼

A first step: Washington State recognizes domestic partnerships!

On April 21, 2007, Governor Christine Gregoire signed legislation that recognizes domestic partnerships for gays & lesbians, as well as for seniors over 62 years of age. The measure passed the Senate 28-19 in March and the House 63-35 in April, mostly along party lines. Passage of domestic partnership is but a first step toward civil unions, and eventually the goal of marriage equality for all citizens.

“Inlaws & Outlaws” Film screening benefit for Religious Coalition for Equality

Friday, May 18th, 7:00 p.m.
University Congregational UCC
4515-16th Ave NE, Seattle

Saturday, May 19th, 7:00 p.m.
Seattle First Baptist Church
1111 Harvard Ave. (@ Seneca)

These events will benefit the Religious Coalition for Equality (RCE), an organization that was instrumental in securing passage of Washington State's new Domestic Partnership legislation, which was signed into law by Governor Gregoire on April 21st.

By attending one of these screenings you can enjoy a remarkable reflection on the nature and meaning of marriage and help to keep RCE strong for the long road to Marriage Equality that still lies before us. A \$5 donation is requested.

Filmmaker, Drew Emery, will be present at the May 18 screening at University Congregational to introduce the film and to answer questions after the screening.

Inlaws and Outlaws has received critical acclaim since its debut last year, and will be having its Hollywood premiere (and theatrical release) on May 3rd.

Please join us and please help to spread the word. This is a very family-friendly film! ▼

Dignity/VancouverBC/Dignité

Dignity/Vancouver BC 604/432-1230

Monday, May 7th. 7:30 p.m. Business meeting. Kevin & Don's. 604/874-3428.

Friday, May 15th. 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy. Dennis B's. 604/669-3677.

Monday, May 21st. Victoria Day Statutory Holiday

Saturday, May 26th. 7:30 p.m. Potluck supper. Vince & Peter. 604/325-1554.

Sunday, June 3rd. Preparing and serving dinner for members of “Friends for Life Society,” at Diamond Centre, 1459 Barclay St. (West End), Vancouver.

Dignity/Seattle's 19th Annual Pride Week Breakfast

Saturday, June 23rd, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Central Lutheran Church
1710-11th Ave (at East Olive)

On Saturday morning of Gay Pride Weekend, June 23rd, Dignity/Seattle will sponsor its 19th Annual Pride Week Breakfast at Central Lutheran Church, across the street from the new Cal Anderson Park. Breakfast is \$5, for all-you-can-eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea, and juice. There will also be a raffle with many prizes, donated by local merchants and generous individuals, including grand prizes of B&B stays for 3-nights on the Oregon Coast and 4-nights in San Francisco. Raffle tickets are \$1.50 each or 5 for \$5.00. Breakfast and raffle tickets may be bought at the door.

Proceeds will benefit Multifaith Works (AIDS & life-threatening illness social services), Verbena (women's health services) and Dignity/Seattle. Over the years, Dignity has donated well over \$20,000 to these groups due to the success and popularity of the breakfast.

For more information, please call 425/255-2861, 206/282-7146, or visit www.DignitySeattle.org

Volunteers: We need servers and dishwashers Saturday morning. Please contact Paula at plandtish@aol.com or Denise at 206/938-3648 if you or your friends are interested in helping out and having fun. ▼

DignityUSA Convention 2007

Thur - Sun, July 5-8 in Austin, Texas

Registration Deadline extended to May 31st

For detailed convention information, activities, schedule and registration form, visit:

<http://www.dignityusa.org/convention07/index.html>

Pastoral Care Letter Feedback

We are eager to receive your comments about Dignity USA's Pastoral Care Letter of November 12, 2006.

For the complete text, see

<http://www.dignityusa.org/pastoral/pastoral-1.html>.

If any chapter or individual has any feedback about it, please send an e-mail with the subject heading “Pastoral Letter” to info@dignityusa.org as soon as possible.

Official Business

Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Jim Rankin	President
Steve Kearney	Vice-Pres., Social Chair
Denise Arceneaux	Secretary, Liturgy Chair
Delia Vita	Treasurer
Paula Lavallee	At-large, Membership Chair

DignityUSA Board Members from Seattle

Paula Lavallee	Secretary
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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.

Board Minutes Summary, April 4, 2007

(Edited: For complete minutes, see Secretary)

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. at Delia Vita's home. Dignity prayer was said. All board members were present, except for Steve Kearney.

Minutes of March Meeting were read.

M/M/S/C: To approve the minutes as submitted.

Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

Checking Acct.

Beginning Balance	\$1,291.98
Collections/Donations March	172.00
Sub-total	\$1,463.98

Expenses

Admin: Telephone (Mar)	44.00
Advertising: SGN (Mar)	40.00
Rent: RUMC (April)	75.00
Liturgy (Mar)	30.00
Newsletter printing/mailing (Mar)	31.81
Pride Week Rental	100.00
Pride Week Supplies	19.54
Pride Week Deposit (refundable)	100.00
Total Expenses	\$440.35
Ending Balance	\$1,023.63

Savings Acct.

Beginning Balance	\$2,089.24
Interest income	0.41
Ending Balance	\$2,089.65

M/M/S/C: To accept financial report as submitted.

Committee Reports

Liturgy Committee: (Denise Arceneaux)

Pastor Crystal will preside on Easter. Philip Knowles will preside in May.

Membership Committee:

There is a new person on the membership list.

Old Business:

Pride Week breakfast: Jim Rankin has all the tickets printed and everything else needed to send out to membership. Paula L. and Delia may be able to finish work on cutting up and sending out the tickets on their own without a Work Party; however, they still may need help from others. We are still donating proceeds from the Breakfast and Raffle to Multifaith Works, Verbena and Dignity. Jim Rankin will send out letters to ask for raffle donations from merchants this next week.

New Business:

- Membership in the LGBT center has increased to \$150.
M/M/S/C: To pay membership for this year.
- Per Leo's e-mail request, the board agreed to place a link between St. Ignatius and Dignity on the website.
- Silent Auction for DignityUSA convention: Different cities have put together "travel baskets" to entice people to come to their city. DignityUSA is encouraging us to come up with a "travel basket" of our own. Delia will call the City of Seattle to see if they will donate free passes to popular local places such as the aquarium and zoo and will include them with items such as the "Over Washington" video, which Paula and Tish have already purchased.
- Donation to DignityUSA Convention: Various DUSA chapters have agreed to underwrite travel expenses for speakers. Paula L. asked if we wish to do the same. The Board decided to donate \$300 from our savings for general expenses related to the Convention to DUSA instead.

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 9th at Delia Vita's home at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Denise Arceneaux, Secretary
Dignity/Seattle