



# Newsletter

## April 2009

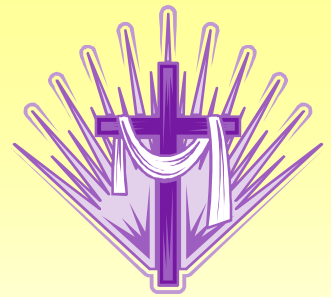
### Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

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| Ravenna United Methodist Church | 5751-33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave NE | Seattle                 |
| Every Sunday                    | → 10:30 a.m.                 | St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS) |
| April 12, May 10                | → 6:00 p.m.                  | Dignity/Seattle         |

A pancake breakfast following St. Ignatius Mass is held every 4th Sunday (April 26th), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

### St. Ignatius Holy Week & Easter Schedule

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| April 9  | Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper | 7:00 p.m.  |
| April 10 | Good Friday Prayers                     | 7:00 p.m.  |
| April 12 | Easter Sunday Interfaith Service        | 10:30 a.m. |
| April 12 | Dignity Easter Sunday Mass              | 6:00 p.m.  |



### Convention & Fundraiser

By Paula Lavallee, Dignity/Seattle President

Have you registered yet? The deadline for regular registrations for DignityUSA's National Convention (held July 2-5 in San Francisco) is May 15th. Get that registration in the mail, or go to the website [www.dignityusa.org](http://www.dignityusa.org) to register today and be there for all the fun! This is one convention you do not want to miss. Check out the speakers, workshops and other fun activities on the DignityUSA website.

Also, Dignity/Seattle is trying to make your trip to San Francisco a little easier. We have a convention scholarship fund established. The funds are available to any member who requests assistance to attend the convention. Monies will be divided among all those who make a request. This can be used for registration, travel or housing assistance.

To help this fund grow, we are doing a fundraising activity of collecting old cell phones and used ink jet cartridges. If you have either of these you want to get rid of, contact me or bring them to Mass or to Mae's (see information next column). Let all your friends and family know we are collecting these also. The more we collect, the more we can assist people in getting to San Francisco. Of course, we'll gladly accept any cash donations also.

And finally, we would like to know if you are planning on going to the convention. We want to keep track of how

### Dignity/Seattle Spring Brunch

Saturday, April 18, 12:30 p.m.

Mae's Phinney Ride Café, 6412 Phinney Ave N

In celebration of all who have anniversaries or birthdays in April, May, or June; members, guests, and friends are all invited to enjoy the meeting of the Dignity family for Saturday Brunch at Mae's. Returning to Mae's is always a treat. The website has menus [along with a 10% off coupon!](http://www.maescafe.com/article.aspx?SHOW=12237)

Internet invitations have been sent out; RSVPs may be made directly on the invitation site. Otherwise, please RSVP by telephoning Alan at 206/784-5536. We look forward to enjoying a hearty meal and lively conversation with everyone!

many from the Northwest are going. Are you driving down? Want travel companions to share the cost? Looking for a roommate to share a hotel room with? Let me know and I'll help you get matched up.

This is the closest to Seattle the convention will be in quite a while, so now is your chance to go. If you have questions about the convention or getting registered, please let me know.

See you in SF in July!!

## Board Members & Contact Info

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

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

### DignityUSA Board Member from Seattle

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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, March 12, 2009

(Edited; for complete minutes, see Secretary.)

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at Delia Vita's house. Dignity prayer was read. All board members were present.

Minutes were read.

**M/M/S/C:** To approve the February 5, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted.

### Vice President's report (Michael Linden)

- Possible presidors: Michael asked for help from the board in contacting two possible presidors: Pat C. and Thomas A.
- Membership: Michael has contacted the Gay/Straight Alliance of Seattle U., Gonzaga U., and St. Martin's U. so that Dignity/Seattle can possibly do activities together with them as a group.
- Facebook site: Created Facebook profile using Dignity/Seattle. Networked our Facebook group with other Facebook groups such as the one in Washington D.C., New York, San Francisco, etc.
- Cell phone collection: There are at least three organizations which participate in the old cellphone collection drive: Phoneraiser, Ecophones and G.R.C. recycling. They recommend that you don't leave them in a collection box or they might get stolen. We should collect as many cell phones as we can on an individ-

ual basis and give them to Michael at Dignity. We need to collect at least ten cell phones at a time to get reimbursed. We should get the word out at the Mass that we're starting to collect them, as well as used inkjet cartridges.

- Conference call: There was a conference call on Monday 3/9 between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m., which included 25 people. National Convention in San Francisco: If there's someone we want to sponsor on a chapter-wide basis we should do so during early registration which is \$250 - this will save us some money. There is also a national convention scholarship which can be applied for and needs to be done so by April 1st. There is also a priest scholarship fund for people in religious orders. Bring small items to San Francisco for the online auction. Website: There are big updates to the website: there is extra space for individual chapters. Rating of the Chapter: Mark Matson asked all chapters how we would rate ourselves from 1-10 on morale, growth, financial footing, etc. Michael rated our group at 6.5.
- We could use Craigslist for all our events postings.
- Announcement: Bailey-Boushay is in financial crisis due to state funding cuts and they might close or decrease their social services. We may want to donate to Pride Breakfast proceeds to Bailey-Boushay.

### Treasurer's report: (Delia Vita)

#### Checking Acct.

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance:</b> | <b>\$3519.00</b> |
| <b>Deposits</b>           |                  |
| Collection                | 85.00            |
| <b>Ending Balance:</b>    | <b>\$3604.00</b> |

#### Expenses:

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| SGN ad (Mar)               | 30.00           |
| RUMC Rental (Mar)          | 75.00           |
| Telephone (Mar)            | 41.30           |
| Liturgy                    | 30.00           |
| Newsletter mailing         | 63.14           |
| Pride Breakfast Deposit    | 100.00          |
| <b>Sub-Total Expenses:</b> | <b>\$339.44</b> |

**Ending Balance:** **\$3264.56**

The Scholarship fund for membership has \$250.00.  
 The Scholarship fund for the convention has \$450.00.  
 Total Available Funds: \$2564.56

#### Savings Acct..

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance:</b> | <b>\$1599.78</b> |
| Interest income           | 0.12             |
| <b>Ending Balance:</b>    | <b>\$1599.90</b> |

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

*(Minutes continued next page)*

**Social Committee: (Alan S. and Delia V.)**

- Quarterly brunch: April 18, at Mae's. Alan shared feedback about the previous brunch.
- Raffle and breakfast tickets: Alan will rewrite the introductory letter adding a request for cell phones and inkjet cartridges. He will send it to Paula.

**Old Business:**

- Delia is working on converting our account at WaMu from a personal account to a business account.

**New Business:**

- Pride Breakfast: Letters to vendors to should go out soon. Delia will get a copy of the letter to vendors from Jim Rankin as well as a list of addresses. We need to follow up with the vendors. We need to make a decision on who will receive our donations. The Board decided to stay with Multifaith Works and to investigate Bailey-Boushay to see if it will stay afloat as a substitute for Verbena.
- National Convention: The Board needs to put out an inquiry for all applicants for sponsorship to the National Convention on a local basis and decide to share money with all those going.

**Next Board Meeting: Saturday, April 18**  
**After brunch at Mae's. Everyone is welcome!**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Denise Arceneaux, Secretary

**Save the Date:**  
**Dignity's 21st**  
**Annual Pride**  
**Week Breakfast**  
**Sat. June 27**



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Monday, April 6, 7:30 p.m. Business meeting at Kevin/Don's. 604/874-3428

Friday, April 17, 7:30 p.m. Worship liturgy at Dennis B's. 604/669-3677

Saturday, April 25, 6:30p.m. Potluck supper at Lee L's. 604/408-3442



## Northwest Catholic Women's Convocation

**Friday-Saturday, May 1-2**

**Meydenbauer Center, Bellevue**

**Sponsor: Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center**

The dawning of a new story calls us to radical hope, to create life-giving stories for our personal relationships, social structures, faith communities and planet Earth. The Northwest Catholic Women's Convocation gathers women for prayer, ritual, education, empowerment, celebration and transformation. Together we will envision new stories for our church and our world! Keynote speakers: Riane Eisler, Dr. Ivone Gebara, Cokie Roberts and Margaret J. Wheatley. For more information and registration forms, call 206/223-1138 or go to: <http://www.ipjc.org/women/convocationIV.htm>.

## Spring 2009 Catholic Action

This spring, get involved with **Soulforce** locally! We are looking for people who want to be leaders in their community, working at the grassroots level while connected to an international effort. Our focus is on the Roman Catholic Church and their refusal to sign on to the Declaration on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity within the United Nations. We feel it's important that the Vatican stand in support of safety and protection for all people.

Whether you are a seasoned advocate or new to the world of activism, we would like you to get involved. You do not have to have an "activist resume." All that is required is passion, diligence, a willingness to reach out to others locally, and take it to the streets for justice. We'll support you in matching your efforts with your community's needs and sending a successful message.

Interested in knowing more or getting involved? Contact [Katie@soulforce.org](mailto:Katie@soulforce.org) or [Haven@soulforce.org](mailto:Haven@soulforce.org), or visit the Soulforce website page: <http://www.soulforce.org/catholic-action>. **Let a Board Member know you are interested in organizing Soulforce's Action in Seattle!**