



# Newsletter

June 2009



## Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church	5751-33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave NE	Seattle
Every Sunday	→ 10:30 a.m.	St. Ignatius (UPSTAIRS)
June 14, July 12	→ 6:00 p.m.	Dignity/Seattle

Happy Gay  
Pride Month!

A pancake breakfast following St. Ignatius Mass is held every 4th Sunday (June 28th), a shared fellowship with our host congregation, Ravenna UMC.

## Dignity/Seattle's 21st Annual Pride Week Breakfast!

Saturday, June 27, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon  
Central Lutheran Church, 1710 - 11th Ave  
(east of Cal Anderson Park, Capitol Hill, Seattle)

\$7 donation benefits:

- Multifaith Works
- Bailey-Boushay House
- Dignity/Seattle

Enter to win several Raffle Prizes!

Bring your old cellphones & used ink cartridges to a recycling drop-off box at the Breakfast.

### A message from Fr. Philip:

For three years, we have prayed for Maria Erika Del Toro and her family. Maria was arrested in October 2005 as she was working--with a lawyer--to obtain her citizenship in this country. She had lived here for many years, was raising a son and daughter as a single mother, worked every day as a housekeeper at a local hospital, paid taxes, and participated in the community. When first arrested, the plan was to deport her and her oldest son, who was born in Mexico, within days. Fortunately, friends in the community and the students at Seattle Prep, where John attended school, were able to draw considerable media and political attention to this case, and the deportation was cancelled. She has spent three years in detention, missing out in the growth of her children and their accomplishments. I fear greatly for her mental health. On May 1, the Ninth District Court of Appeals denied her request to stay in the country, along with the request of her sister. They are scheduled to be deported near the end of next month. This is a shameful exercise of injustice. Many political leaders have tried on many occasions to sway the INS, but have not been successful. It may not be possible to alter the decision, but we can try. If you would please exercise love and write to President Barack Obama and ask that he intervene and show the quality of mercy that enriches human lives. Copies of your letter can be sent to Senators Murray and Cantwell, and also your representative in Congress. Letters, rather than e-mail, are likely to at least get some attention. Let us pray for mercy for these two women and their families, and let us act on that prayer.



### Volunteers Needed!

Friday evening, June 26: Venue set-up

Saturday, June 27. Kitchen help:  
Cooks, dish-washers, clean-up crews.

Contact Paula, 425/821-8618, plandtish@aol.com.

## Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité

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Vancouver, B.C., V6B 3X5

604/432-1230

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Monday, June 8, 7:30 p.m. Annual general meeting at Lee L's. 604/408-3442.

Friday, June 20, 6:30 p.m. Combined Worship Liturgy & Potluck Supper at Gerry W's. 604/435-1950.

President Barack Obama  
White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20500

The Honorable Patty Murray  
United States Senate  
173 Russell Senate Office Bldg  
Washington, D.C. 20510-4701

The Honorable Maria Cantwell  
United States Senate  
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Washington, D.C. 20510-4704

## Board Members & Contact Info

### Dignity/Seattle Board Members

Paula Lavallee	President
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Delia Vita	Treasurer
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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, May 13, 2009

(Edited; for complete minutes, see Secretary.)

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 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 April 23, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted.

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

- Contacted Bailey-Boushay. They are interested in our commitment to them. They will work with us on advertising, etc. for the Breakfast.
- Cell phones and ink cartridges have been coming in.

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

#### Checking Acct.

**Beginning Balance:** \$2982.10

#### Deposits

April Collection:	85.00
May Collection:	110.00
PW Breakfast:	45.00

**Sub-total Deposits** \$240.00

**Ending Balance:** \$3222.10

### Expenses:

SGN ad (Apr)	30.00
RUMC Rental (Apr)	75.00
Telephone (Apr)	44.08
Liturgy	30.00
PO Box Rental	56.00
Newsletter mailing	60.12
Breakfast Hall Rental	100.00

**Sub-Total Expenses:** \$395.20

**Ending Balance:** \$2826.90

The Scholarship fund for membership has \$200.00.  
 The Scholarship fund for the convention has \$450.00.  
 Total Available Funds: \$2176.90

### Savings Acct..

**Beginning Balance:** \$1600.00

Interest income 0.10

**Ending Balance:** \$1600.10

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

Our account with WaMu is now a new business account where we can do on-line banking through the internet.

### Liturgy Committee (Denise A.)

Philip Knowles will be contacted for June. Pat Callahan will possibly preside for us in July.

### Old Business (Pride Week Breakfast):

- Vendors: Delia will follow up with Jim R. contacting vendors for donations.
- SGN Ad: Delia needs to see the draft of the ad to before it is placed in the June 19<sup>th</sup> issue.
- Volunteers: Paula is looking for volunteers for kitchen help. We also need help setting up on Friday night before the Breakfast.
- Donations for Raffles: Alan Scott donated his dinner cruise as usual for the raffle.

### New Business:

2009 Convention: DignityUSA is asking every chapter to provide a travel package for the Convention Silent Auction. Paula already has a few items. The Board will contact "Purple Roofs" to compile a list of Gay and Lesbian-owned places where people can stay. Then, the Board will modify one of the letters used for Pride Breakfast solicitations to solicit auction items (e.g., a free night's stay, etc.) from the G/L-owned B&Bs. Paula asked the Board to consider other ideas for getting items for the Auction.

### Next Meeting:

**Wednesday, June 10, 6:00 p.m.**  
**At Delia's. Everyone is welcome!**

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.  
 Respectfully submitted by:  
 Denise Arceneaux, Secretary