



# Newsletter

February 2007

## Dignity & St. Ignatius Liturgy Schedules

Ravenna United Methodist Church 5751-33<sup>rd</sup> Ave NE Seattle  
First Sundays at 1:00 p.m. -- St. Ignatius Community Liturgies  
(More on St. Ignatius on Page Two)  
Second Sundays at 6:00 p.m. – Dignity/Seattle Liturgies

February 4 & March 4 → 1:00 p.m. St. Ignatius

February 11 & March 11 → 6:00 p.m. Dignity/Seattle

## Domestic Partnership and Marriage Equality Bills in Olympia

(excerpted & edited from Equal Rights Washington announcements, January 11 & 20, 2007)

On January 11, 2007, Senator Ed Murray and Reps. Joe Moeller, Dave Upthegrove, Joe McDermott and Jamie Pederson announced the introduction of a marriage equality bill and a domestic partnership bill.

The Marriage Equality bill represents our ongoing commitment to securing the full equality of the LGBT community under the law and in society. The Domestic Partnership bill represents our commitment to protecting LGBT individuals and families as quickly as possible.

The Domestic Partnership bill includes heterosexual seniors, thus encouraging a conversation about the need to recognize and protect family groupings that exist but are not protected legally. The DP bill will also help people better understand the rights and responsibilities that are presently denied same-sex couples and their children because they are barred from civil marriage. These both will be ongoing conversations with the public, the media and elected officials.

There are 56 sponsors of the Domestic Partnership bill in the House and 21 in the Senate. There are 26 sponsors of the Marriage Equality bill in the House. Hearing dates have already been set in both the House and the Senate for the domestic partnership bill.

On a related note, it looks as if the GLBT community may face an initiative that would undo the Anderson-Murray Anti-Discrimination "Gay Civil Rights Bill" passed last year.

To support the legislation and oppose the initiative, visit [www.equalrightswashington.org](http://www.equalrightswashington.org). Also, sign up to attend the Equality Day Rally in Olympia on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. See Page Two for further details. ▼

## Bill Sullivan: 1926-2007 R.J.P.

Former Dignity member passes on

William J. Sullivan, Jr., 80, of Burien passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2007. He was born May 21, 1926 in Bayonne, NJ to Annie Rooney and William Sullivan, Sr. William Sullivan's career in aviation began upon listing in the Navy and flying as tail gunner on a Navy PB4Y during the later years of WWII. Following the war Mr. Sullivan returned to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where in 1951 he earned a bachelor degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

Mr. Sullivan worked for Ford Motor Company before moving to Burien as an engineer for Boeing. He was one of the original members of the Boeing commercial sales department, transferring into it, the first year it was formed. He was instrumental in Boeing's initial sales successes and traveled all over the world until his retirement in 1981. He volunteered as a driver for Meals on Wheels, earned his pilots license, and served as a senior advisor to Phi Sigma Kappa at the UW.

Mr. Sullivan was preceded in death by his brother Francis and parents William and Annie Rooney Sullivan. Remaining family consists of cousins in Ontario Canada, Philadelphia, and Arizona; and sister-in-law in Scotland. William was a true friend to all who knew him. He had a heart of gold.

The funeral mass was on January 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Benedict Church in Wallingford. Interment will be held the following week at Riverton Crest Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Meals on Wheels program through the Senior Services Center of Seattle at 2208 Second Ave, Ste 100, Seattle.

(Ed. Note: The Dignity/Seattle community thanks Alan Scott for overseeing Bill's care in his last weeks, and for taking care of everything after his passing.) ▼

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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.

## St. Ignatius--New Faith Community 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Liturgies at 1:00 p.m. at Ravenna Dignity/Seattle attendance welcomed!

St. Ignatius is a new Catholic community that has begun to celebrate mass once a month, at 1:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month, at Ravenna United Methodist Church,

St. Ignatius is an open and affirming community, and the only distinction that we recognize is based on need. Affiliation is pending with the Ecumenical Catholic Communion (ECC), a large and growing group of parishes and communities across the United States. For more information on the ECC, visit [www.ecumenical-catholic-communion.org](http://www.ecumenical-catholic-communion.org).

All are welcome to join with us in establishing and growing this new Catholic community. We especially welcome those who feel that they have been made unwelcome at the Eucharistic meal in the Roman tradition. We are also looking forward to those who will offer their talents to help us grow and to celebrate our Catholic Christian faith. Contact Phillip for more information: [plkphd@aol.com](mailto:plkphd@aol.com)

As a community, we seek to faithfully follow the prophetic injunction of Micah, *to do right and to love goodness and to walk humbly with God.* ▼

## Equality Day 2007

Sponsored by Religious Coalition for Equality  
Monday, February 26, 2007  
Washington State Capitol, Olympia

We will rally and lobby again on the Capitol steps to show support for the rights of LGBT seniors, youth, families and individuals and for Marriage Equality. With a gay-friendly Democratic Party firmly in control of the Governorship, State Senate and State House, the upcoming legislative session promises to be even more progressive than 2006's session, which finally passed the "Gay Civil Rights Bill" after 29 years of attempts. Be heard; get involved!

### Schedule for Equality Day in Olympia:

**9:00 a.m.** Advocacy workshops

**11:45 a.m.** Rally on the Capitol steps.  
Music by the Seattle Men's & Women's  
Choruses

**1:00 p.m.** Legislative visits

### Contact & registration information:

**Religious Coalition for Equality**  
206/930-6253  
[www.religiouscoalition-wa.org](http://www.religiouscoalition-wa.org)

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## Dignity/Vancouver BC/Dignité

**Dignity/Vancouver BC 604/432-1230**

Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. 7:30 p.m. Business meeting. Lee L's. 604/408-3442.

Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. 7:30 p.m. Worship Liturgy. Gerry W's. 604/435-1950.

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. 6:00 p.m. Potluck supper. Don & Kevin's. 604/874-3428.