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DignityUSA works for respect and justice for all gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons in the Catholic Church and the world through education, advocacy and support.

National Board of Directors Convene via Teleconferences

The DignityUSA Board of Directors has been meeting via teleconference calls to accomplish the job of formulating committees and assessing the progress of the work on the Strategic Plan.

The February 20th call involved reporting on the progress of forming committees. DignityUSA members who have indicated an interest in volunteering have been contacted to work on committees. Although each committee has 3-4 members, there is always room for more if you are interested. The marketing committee is still looking for graphic designers to help create new materials. (Contact secretary@dignityusa.org if you would like to join a committee.)

Time was also spent discussing the new fundraising donation match program. Contact the national office by email info@dignityusa.org or by phone 1-800-877-8797, or check the DignityUSA website www.dignityusa.org for more information on this program or to participate.

A second teleconference call was held on March 15th. Committee work was updated. A motion clarifying the definition of a voting member was discussed (and since passed). The national office and the fundraising committee are working on ways to facilitate accurate membership lists. Upcoming elections were also discussed.

The directors will be gathering in person the weekend of April 21-23, 2006 in Washington, DC.

Dignity/Orlando Will Sponsor Orlando Gay Days Mass

Dignity/Orlando (FL) will be celebrating Mass during Gay Days Orlando at 10:00 AM, on Sunday, June 4, 2006, at the host hotel, Royal Plaza Hotel, 1905 Hotel Plaza Blvd., Lake Buena Vista, 32830. The hotel phone number is 1-407-828-2828.

The chapter invites you to join them in the celebration of their faith and being who they are, as well as in the festivities of the Orlando Gay Days Celebration.

For further information, contact Richard D. Bannister, President, Dignity/Orlando, by email juvenis2000@yahoo.com.

Dignity/Orlando (FL) www.dignityorlando.com.

For more information on the host hotel, go to www.royalplaza.com.

Orlando Gay Days 2006 will take place May 30 — June 4, 2006. See www.gaydays.com for further information.



**SPRING – a time
for Personal
Renewal.**



Happy Anniversary & Congratulations to:

**Sarasota (FL) - 2 years
Hartford (CT) - 31 years
Fort Lauderdale (FL) - 20 years**

DignityUSA Vision Statement

DignityUSA envisions and works for a time when Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Catholics are affirmed and experience dignity through the integration of their spirituality with their sexuality and, as beloved persons of God, participate fully in all aspects of life within the Church and Society.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The annual Feast of St. Mary of Magdala is July 22nd. The feast is being celebrated by more faith communities, including DignityUSA chapters, each succeeding year.

Prayer and celebration resources are available at the website www.futurechurch.org. Click on the Mary of Magdala icon for further information and resource materials.

DignityUSA List Services

DignityUSA volunteers maintain a News Service and a number of lists for items of interest to DignityUSA members. All lists are open to anyone.

DignityUSA News Service

The DignityUSA News Service provides news from the leadership of DignityUSA that directly affects Catholic gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) persons, DignityUSA members, friends, allies, and supporters. To sign up for the DignityUSA News Service:

<http://lists.dignityusa.org/mailman/listinfo/dusa-news>

DignityUSA Discussion Lists

General Discussions: dignity-l@yahoogroups.com

This list is for members and friends of DignityUSA. Discussions should focus on subjects of interest to members of DignityUSA. Private discussions unrelated to DignityUSA should not be sent to this list; neither should more general discussions on either the correctness or incorrectness of Catholicism or homosexuality. Please remember that while this list carries DignityUSA's name, the opinions expressed are those of the authors and not of DignityUSA, unless otherwise noted.

- To subscribe to the DignityUSA Yahoo list, send an email to dignity-l-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.
- To unsubscribe, send an email to dignity-l-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com.
- Post messages to dignity-l@yahoogroups.com

Women's Topics

This list is sponsored by the Committee for Women's Concerns (CWC) for the discussion of women's issues. To sign up:

<http://lists.dignityusa.org/mailman/listinfo/dig-cwc>

Transgendered Topics

The purpose of this list is to provide an opportunity for transgender individuals within DignityUSA to explore questions about issues of spirituality and acceptance both within DignityUSA and the society as a whole. We hope, given the relatively small numbers of transgender persons in the world, that being able to network with each other by way of this list will help in the establishment of a sense of community between transgender members of DignityUSA. We also hope it serves as a resource for DignityUSA as a whole to find out information about being transgender. To sign up:

<http://lists.dignityusa.org/mailman/listinfo/dig-trans>

Bisexual Topics

This list is for discussion of issues related to bisexuality. To sign up:

<http://lists.dignityusa.org/mailman/listinfo/dig-bi>

*May the Love and Blessings of the Risen Christ
Be with You and Yours at Eastertide and Always.*

May His Resurrection be a sign of Hope and Promise.