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DIGNITY CELEBRATES ITS 20th YEAR!

WEEK LONG BIRTHDAY BASH IN SAN FRANCISCO

From all over the country they came — by plane, train, car, bicycle, and on foot — from almost every state as well as Canada, England, and Australia. Why? Because Dignity/USA was coming of age and celebrating years of ministry to gay and lesbian Roman Catholics, their families, and friends. From a small

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Opening Ceremony
San Francisco
City Hall



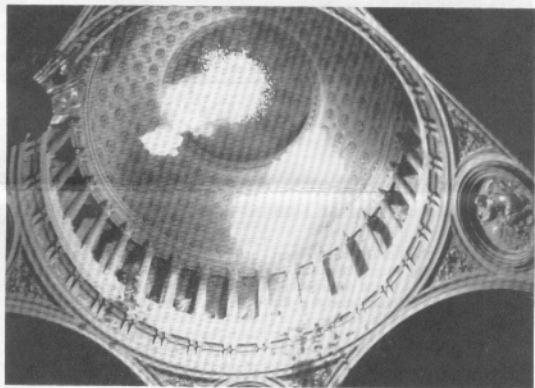
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Process Sessions
Eileen and James
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Election of Officers
Pat Roche,
President



FIREWORKS light up the rotunda dome in San Francisco's City Hall providing a grand finale to the convention's opening ceremony

seed planted in southern California in 1969 by Father Pat Nidorf, an Augustinian priest, Dignity/USA has grown to approximately 5,000 members in over 100 chapters. Nidorf, who could not attend the anniversary celebration in San Francisco over Labor Day, sent a telegram of congratulations to almost 700 members and friends who

were on hand to celebrate this important milestone.

The week-long event began on Sunday, August 27, with a two-day national board meeting. The national House of Delegates, composed of two delegates from every chapter and additional delegates according to proportional representation, then met for three

days of business sessions. The general convention began Thursday evening, August 31, and went through Sunday evening, September 3.

We hope this issue of Dignity/USA's national newsletter will provide a keepsake for those who were there, and give a flavor of what happened to those who were not.