



Discussion Recording Form

Date: February 15, 2018

Chapter or Community: Dignity Young Adult Caucus

SEGMENT ONE: RECALLING OUR ROOTS

Facilitator / Recorder Worksheet

<p>1. What was the initial need that DignityUSA was organized to meet and that drove our rapid growth from a local community in L.A. to a national network of chapters? What “fueled our engine”?</p>
<p>DYAC, being a recent Addition to DignityUSA does not have relevant feedback here.</p>
<p>2. How did the mission of Dignity evolve over time? What drove those changes in how we did our work? Consider dynamics in the organization, in the Church, and in society. In what ways might your chapter/community/caucus have contributed to this evolution?</p>
<p>When the caucus was first formed about 8 years ago, DignityUSA had an overall older membership with few young people within the organization. The young adults of Dignity recognized this in the early 2010s and decided to take on a larger part of the organization. So we formed our caucus to help DignityUSA be more aware of the need to adapt and attract young people. Using more social media, adapting our language, and encouraging more outreach to diverse populations (ages, genders, racially, and geographies).</p>
<p>3. The theme of our 50th Anniversary Conference is “True to the Spirit, True to Ourselves”. In what ways has “being true to ourselves and true to the calling of the Spirit” evident in our history? Your local history?</p>
<p>DignityUSA was founded as a organization true to itself. As younger members of the organization we have learned of the stands and mission of Dignity from its founding on the local and national level, being a resource and place for people to be who they are. DYAC has tried to do this in our 8 year history by giving the younger adults within Dignity a place to be more true to themselves and be called to welcome more people into Dignity and thus changing the community.</p>
<p>4. Locally, and nationally, how has Dignity changed lives for the better? Changed the Catholic community? Impacted the LGBTQ social justice movement?</p>
<p>DYAC has been a place for young adults to feel more welcomed and intentionally included in DignityUSA as a whole. DYAC has also helped to build up leaders who go on to contribute and lead in local communities and on the national level of our organization. In the greater Catholic community, this is a new generation of adults staying connected to their religious roots as well as their queerness in their</p>



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communities and families. This connection and declaration of such has helped to continue to change the national discussion and let more people know they can be catholic and queer.