

“Recalling Our Roots: - Dignity Seattle

What Was The Engine

1) word of mouth.

I found I could follow my Catholic tradition and still be comfortable with my sexuality.

I could blend my sexuality with the Catholic church.

friendly, affirming faith community ,where I felt loved by the Catholic church

vibrancy of community

1983 dignity/usa convention (seattle) and mass at St James Cathedral. the ripples from that labor day weekend affected the future course of events not only for our local chapter but also for dignity/usa as a whole. Archbishop Hunthausen, the Seattle Archdiocese and the Vatican's relationship with the LGBTQ community.

What Events Shaped your Community?

2-3 1980's thru 1990's Dignity/Seattle partnered with the institutional church in providing ministry to the LGBTQ community by seeking mutually beneficial peaceful solutions to seemingly irreconcilable problems.

When the church removed Dignity from celebrating mass within the church the chapter lost a lot of members. Since this time society and other churches have become more accepting of LGBTQ's.

True to Ourselves. True to the Spirit

4) Dignity permitted me to accept that my sexuality was not going to make me an outsider from the Catholic Church. I can be comfortable with being A GAY CATHOLIC.