Dignity Young Adult Caucus Retreat
July 13 – 15, 2018
Jubilee Discussions — Taking Stock of Today & Visioning Our Future

Visioning Our Future — DIGNITYUSA in 2029:

Questions posed:
1) What does DignityUSA look like in 2029?
2) What did it take to get there?

*Each “Vision” below was developed by a small group.*

**Vision 1 - Poster:**

DIGNITYUSA
2029 CONFERENCE

Progressive – Inclusive – Catholic

In partnership with:
New Ways, UCC, Keshet, Rainbow Catholic Network, HRC, Muslims for Progressive Values

Sponsored by: Southwest and Amazon

Guest Speaker: Ellen DeGeneres

Breakouts for:

- CCD leadership
- Parenting as a Progressive Catholic
- Bringing Dignity to your community
- Sexual Ethics for the Teenage Mind
- Children’s Corner
- Family Support – The true definition of Family
- Interfaith discussion – working together
- Being the Change in Our World – responding to Social Justice Issues
- The ever-changing face of our Church – Tackling Diversity
- More than Mass – Being a space for your WHOLE community
- Political Advocacy – Self-Advocacy
**Vision 2:**

In 2029, we have:

- Strong regional chapters
- More young people in our demographic
- More families and diversity
- Theology that goes into marginalization and justice for ALL people
- Education/curriculum (CCD and resources provided)
- Identity development and self-care resources
- Expansion of trans-related services and ministries
- An online community to gain access to other chapters
- Resources for people that are transitioning with their faith, gender or sexuality
- Dignity podcasts for sermons, talks, etc.

How we get there:

- Everyone needs to contribute and commit to the best of their abilities
- Improved community visibility year-round
- Task forces with established goals/outcomes
  - One to support inclusion and hold people accountable
- Pre-organized programs of education by DignityUSA for chapter/regional use (e.g. intersectionality)
- DignityUSA organization of people/areas where chapter accessibility is hard or impossible

**Vision 3:**

In 2029:

- More membership and chapters (including international)
- Seen as authority on sex and gender theology
- Recognizing of inter-related causes
- Young Adults more involved and in leadership
- Care for senior citizen members
- Reconciliation with institutional Church
- More inclusive of ENTIRE FAMILIES and allies

How to achieve:

- Increased programming for young adults nationally
- Better use of the national conferences for caucuses
- Outreach to parishes/grassroots connections; meeting people where they are
  - Better outreach and opportunities for reconciliation
- Internal education about inter-related issues
- Outreach to colleges
**Vision 4:**

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<th>What does Dignity look like in 2029?</th>
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<td>There are many kids in Dignity!</td>
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<td>Virtual CCD including sexual ethics</td>
<td>Grants, Queer Catholic Camp, Queer Family Camp,</td>
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<td>Religious Education curriculums</td>
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<td>Created a holistic Gender and Body Theology</td>
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<td>Queer Multicultural Community</td>
<td>Allying with other organizations – refugee / immigrant orgs</td>
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<td>National network; regional connections; Regional Meet Ups</td>
<td>Social media; monthly virtual liturgy hosted by different chapters; lower barrier for becoming a chapter/involved with Dignity; joint liturgies among nearby groups</td>
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<td>Witnesses in local parishes</td>
<td>Showing up at Mass as a group; advocacy and social action</td>
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<td>Continued strong leadership structure; National Board!!</td>
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