

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:

What does Dignity look like in 2029?

How do we get there?

There are many kids in Dignity!

Virtual CCD including sexual ethics

Grants, Queer Catholic Camp, Queer Family Camp,

Religious Education curriculums

Conference activities for children and child care; coming out resources

Created a holistic Gender and Body Theology

Maria Howe (friend of Breanna doing graduate work on transgender theology)

Queer Multicultural Community

Allying with other organizations –refugee / immigrant orgs

Equally Blessed and Global Network of Rainbow Catholics

National network; regional connections;
Regional Meet Ups

Social media; monthly virtual liturgy hosted by different chapters; lower barrier for becoming a chapter/involved with Dignity; joint liturgies among nearby groups

Witnesses in local parishes

Showing up at Mass as a group; advocacy and social action

Continued strong leadership structure;
National Board!!

Age diversity (strength)
Race diversity (opportunity)
Class diversity (opportunity)
Gender diversity (opportunity)