

SEGMENT THREE: DISCERNING THE PATH FORWARD

Facilitator / Recorder Worksheet

1. When we last met we talked about key challenges and opportunities we saw ahead. Those were.... How do we need to change to tackle the challenges and take advantage of the opportunities?

As I & g Catholics we need to befriend and learn about and from gender diverse persons. Many of us have little understanding of the difficulties trans persons live with. – Art

Increased membership of young adults. This will aid in keeping up with the “latest” in technology and society while bringing people back to the Catholic Church. – M.

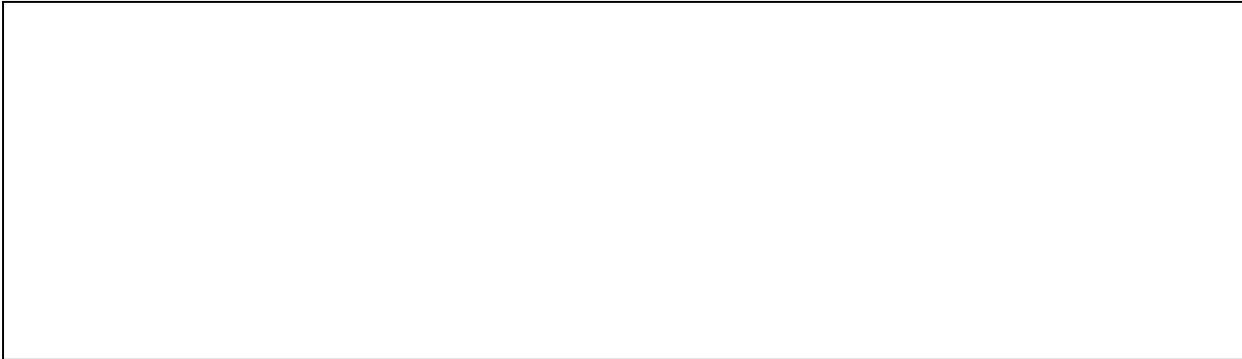
I agree with Michele, we need, as always, to engage new people in the work especially young people.
- BHM

2. What should the key priorities of DignityUSA be in the next few years? What’s most important to us; what values from our rich history do we want to ensure are carried forward?

Work to change the seminary system; work to make lay people equal to clerical people. – Art

I feel this is answered in the previous questions. – M.

Be the voice of lgbtq Roman Catholics in the Church and society. Keep hitting the RCC with the science, psychology, and theology that says it is off track on lgbtq issues. - BHM



3. What resources do we need to fuel our “engine” (passion and purpose) in the future? Why would people want to invest their life energy and financial resources in support of this desired future?

We need to show people how the changes we are making will positively impact the lives of all people; those who are standing on the side lines who could add energy to these efforts. - Art

Also can be considered answered in the previous questions. – M.

We need new people who care about the RCC. Unfortunately, the RCC is becoming less and less desirable as a locus of life energy and effort due to the sexual abuse scandals. - BHM

4. What is this community’s guidance to the national leadership as they create a strategic plan for the next few years of DignityUSA’s mission and work? Consider topics such as key commitments to mission, key goals, investments, financial resources, volunteer and leadership resources, talent recruitment and partnerships/outreach.

Continue to collaborate and cooperate with like-minded Catholic organizations.

Increase focus on gender diverse people. – Art

Key community guidance: communication, commitment, input for feedback. M.

National should strive to be a useful resource for the local chapters who are doing the majority of the work on this issue in the country. -BHM