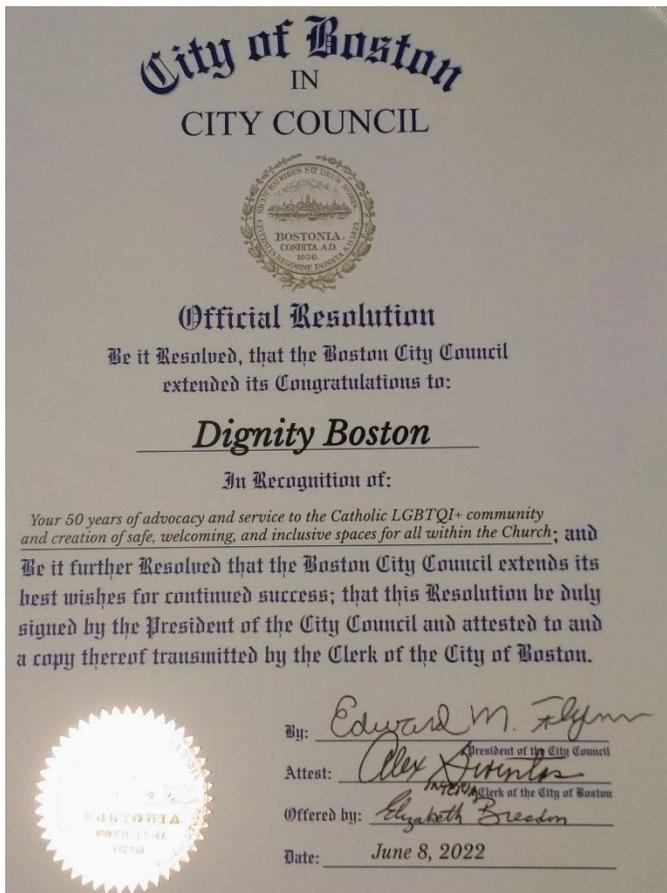




BULLETIN – June 15, 2022

Dignity/Boston Honored by Boston City Council



In celebration of Pride month and Dignity/Boston's fiftieth year our Chapter was honored to be invited by Councilor Elizabeth Breadon on behalf of Boston City Council to give a blessing at the start of the Council's meeting on June 8th. Peggy Hayes of our liturgy committee delivered the invocation. Afterwards Councilor Breadon presented Peggy with a proclamation congratulating the Chapter on its 50 years of advocacy and service to the LGBTQI+ catholic community. Click on the link [Boston City Council Meeting on June 8, 2022](#) to watch the introduction and prayer. Thank you, Peggy for representing Dignity Boston!

Invocation



Peggy offered this invocation at the Boston City Council meeting:

*O Sun behind all suns
O soul behind all souls
We give you greeting this new day
Let all creation praise you
Let daylight and shadows praise you
Let the fertile earth and the swelling sea praise you
Let the wind and rain, the lightening and thunder praise you
Let all that breathes praise you
And we shall praise you
O God of all life, we give you greeting this day
And we pray for the Boston City Council
And the city and the people you serve today
May your minds be inspired
May your hearts yearn for justice
May your words be wise
May your strongest muscles life the burdens of the vulnerable
May your eyes hear the words of the people, the city, and the planet
May your feet keep you moving forward
And may your work always be blessed. Amen.*

Return to In-Person at St. Stephen's Location



Our presiders, Ron (left) and Maddie (right)

Dignity/Boston had its return to in-person liturgies at our St. Stephen's location. Lots of great comments were flowing online:

"Thank you for making our Pride/Holy Trinity return to in-person liturgy so beautiful and joyful. I love seeing what we create together." -- Peggy H.

"It was an honor and a challenge to create a homily for this faith community." --Ron

"Thank you to Peggy for coordinating, Ron for your homily, and Ron and Maddie for your presiding." --Abdel

"It was wonderful to be together again. The Board and Liturgy Committee did a great job thinking through how to make it feel like Dignity/Boston, even with precautions and changes." --Marianne

"It was great to be with everyone. Thank you, Marianne, for hosting the social." --Aidan

"It was great seeing everyone and meeting a bunch of people in-person." -- Maddie

"A takeaway for me was just how great I felt while driving back home. It energized me and left me beaming with positive feelings." --Dave

"I haven't had that "Sunday night feeling" in over two years." --Bert

Upcoming Liturgies

Sunday, 6/19 Corpus Christi Solemnity Share the Word 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 6/26 13th Sunday Ordinary Time Share the Word 5:00 p.m.

Note: Healing/anointing takes place on the 6/19 liturgy, a liturgy committee mtg. follows

Upcoming Socials

Note that Dignity/Boston Socials will be once a month during summer.

Thursday, June 16

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Pride Comedy

Join us this Thursday to watch some comedy from LGBTQ+ folks in celebration of Pride month. If you'd like, bring some of your own clips to share from your favorite queer and trans comedians!

Host: Julia S.

News from DignityUSA

Current Conference Registration Rates End Today

If you need to register or register someone else for the full conference or for one of the special events, many fees rise on 6/16. Are you still considering registering? Do you know someone else who is still considering registering? Act quickly! [Register here](#). The conference takes place from Friday, 7/8 to Sunday 7/10 in San Diego. DignityUSA is aware that some people may have trouble checking out on the registration site. Click on the link below for a "how-to" reference guide to help you complete the process.

[Click here to access and download the "how-to" guide.](#) If you prefer you can send an email to operations@dignityusa.org to schedule a time to chat on the phone and be guided through the process.

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Election ballots have been sent to members by mail or email. If you are a current member and did not receive a ballot, please contact

operations@dignityusa.org Ballots are due by 11:45 p.m. EDT on Saturday, 6/25. Vote today to

Caucus Mixer Dinner

Are you a member of or curious about any of DignityUSA's Caucuses? Join us for a **Caucus Mixer Dinner** during the dinner break, 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, 7/8, between Opening Ceremonies and the Gina Chavez concert. Meet folks from Caucuses like Aging with Dignity, Defenders, Families with Dignity, People of Color, Racial Justice Resource Group, Transgender Support, Women of Dignity, and Young Adults. A donation is requested for the dinner and registration is required. Join us for fun and fellowship! [Register here!](#)

Dignity/Boston: Community Connection

June is Pride Month!

Some events may have past but please check out the City of Boston website to see how Boston will celebrate Pride all month long!

<https://www.boston.gov/news/events-happening-part-boston-lgbtq-2022-pride-month>

North Shore Pride!

North Shore Pride's 10th Annual Pride Parade and Festival is on Saturday, 6/25 on the Salem Common. There will be a full lineup of entertainers, antique cars display, and other activities. The festival will run from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more details and to register, check out North Shore Pride on Facebook or log onto their website northshorepride.org.

Dignity/Boston Timeline: 1987-1989



1987

The second GLBT March on Washington.

The AIDS memorial quilt is unveiled.

U.S. Congressman Barney Frank (D-Mass.) becomes the first person elected to national office to voluntarily come out.

Dignity/USA declares that gay and lesbian people can express their sexuality physically "in a unitive manner that is loving, life-giving, and life-affirming."

Massachusetts bishops urge defeat of a gay-rights bill, stating that the bill is "unnecessary" and "poses threats to the good of society."

The first Catholic-sponsored public service announcement in the nation to address the AIDS epidemic is filmed in Boston.

The Church refuses Dignity/USA's request to enter into dialogue with the gay community.

Catholic dioceses begin to expel Dignity chapters from church properties.

The Boston Globe publishes "Gay Catholics Find Sanctuary Outside Fold," a front-page article on Dignity/Boston and its mission.

1988

The U.S. government bans discrimination against people with AIDS.

World AIDS Day is observed for the first time.

Dignity/Boston services move from the basement of Arlington Street Church to St. John the Evangelist on September 18.

1989

Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis signs into law the country's second statewide gay rights law.

The Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C. cancels a scheduled exhibit of photographs taken by Robert Mapplethorpe.

Dignity/Boston offices move from 355 Boylston Street to 95 Berkeley Street.

Our Collections

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You can support Dignity/Boston by sending your donations via [Pay Pal!](#) Once logged in and on the site, please select “send” and then search for “DignityBoston@gmail.com”.

Donate Via Mail

You can also support Dignity and its second collections by sending donations to: Dignity/Boston, PO Box 170428, Boston, MA 02117-0408. Checks can be made payable to: Dignity/Boston. If it's for the Second Collection of the month, write “Second Collection” on the memo line. We'll then write just one check and will forward to the organization.

June Second Collection:

Our June collection benefits Boston GLASS. Through youth-focused programming, HIV/STI services, therapy, groups, and a safe space to be themselves, GLASS has continued to uniquely serve the LGBTQ+ youth of



color communities in and beyond Boston. Our mission: to improve the well-being of LGBTQ+ youth of color and their

allies by providing a continuum of services that addresses their immediate needs, equips them with tools to make healthy decisions and live fulfilling lives, and helps create communities in which they can thrive.

<https://give.jri.org/give/254111/#!/donation/checkout>

Let Us Know About Your Donation: When you donate each month, let us know by filling out the google form! Our recipients are grateful!

<https://forms.gle/sz55Ycd2MHQcAhg6A>

Please email dignityboston@gmail.com if you have any items that you would like to suggest for the next Bulletin (6/30/22) by Tuesday, 6/28/22 at 12 Noon.