



BULLETIN – July 15, 2022

Jon Schum Receives the Kevin Calagari Award



Congratulations to Jon Schum on being the recipient of the [Kevin Calagari Award](#) at this year's DignityUSA Conference in San Diego. Jon Schum and his husband Ron Lacro are longtime Dignity/Boston members. Jon has served on its board and liturgy committee and is one of the chapter's ordained presiders. For many years he supervised and provided arts-based therapeutic programming for an elder services agency in Boston. Jon is also about to begin serving on the DignityUSA National Board. He is currently a co-facilitator of the Aging with

Dignity caucus. We are so proud of Jon and all of his contributions. Please take time and congratulate Jon when you have a chance to see him.

Mary of Magdela Share the Word Online Liturgy



Please join us on Sunday, 7/24 for our Mary of Magdela Share the Word Liturgy. Mary Magdalene, sometimes called Mary of Magdala, or simply the Magdalene or the Madeleine, was a woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion and resurrection. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the canonical gospels, more than most of the apostles and more than any other woman in the gospels, other than Jesus' family. Mary's epithet *Magdalene* may mean that she came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee in Roman Judea.

Also join us on...

Sun., 7/17: 16th Sunday Ordinary Time Share the Word Online, 5:00 p.m.

Note: Healing and anointing takes place at the 7/17 Share the Word.

Next in-person: Sunday, 7/31, 5:00 p.m. Share the Word, Eucharistic.

Risk Taker/Justice Maker Award and Other DUSA News

Rev. Massingale Gets Award



DignityUSA awarded its prestigious Risk Taker/Justice Maker award to Rev. Bryan Massingale, who attended the San Diego conference to accept it. The award has only been presented twice before to Bishop Thomas Gumbleton and to Father Roy Bourgeois. The award honors people who have made extraordinary commitment to advancing justice for LGBTQI people and others.

Report to the Vatican Synod on Synodality

So far this year, DignityUSA joined dioceses, parishes, and Catholic organizations across the globe in gathering input to help inform the Church-wide Synod. Dignity held online Listening Sessions which accepted testimonies and reflections submitted through our website. Now, Dignity is invites you to review the draft summary report developed by DignityUSA Secretary Sam Albano, who has been heading our organizational efforts on the Synod, with feedback accepted through 7/20. The Board votes on a final report in early August, before sending it to the Synod office.

DignityUSA invites you to send any feedback to Secretary@DignityUSA.org and Execdir@DignityUSA.org. The final report will be available on the DignityUSA website around mid-August. Click [here](#) for the draft.

Nativity School Update

Learn more about our petition supporting Nativity School of Worcester. Sign now! Here's a link to the story from DignityUSA and a form to sign this [petition](#). Also, please note that our July Second Collection supports the Nativity School

DignityUSA Conference



We were able to publish a couple of important highlights from the DignityUSA Conference in San Diego. Our next edition of the Bulletin will have a deeper look at the conference in San Diego.

Dignity/Boston Timeline: 1993-1995

1993

President Clinton raises the controversial issue of gays in the military, resulting in the compromise decision known as "Don't Ask, Don't Tell."

Gay teenager Lawrence Poirier debuts in Lynn Johnston's comic strip "For Better or for Worse."

Marianne Duddy of Dignity/Boston is elected first woman president of Dignity/USA.

The GLBT community stages its third March on Washington.

First commitment ceremony held at Dignity/Boston.

President Clinton becomes the first president to hold a meeting with the heads of several GLBT organizations.

A study published in *Science* magazine suggests that male homosexuality is caused by genetics.

1994

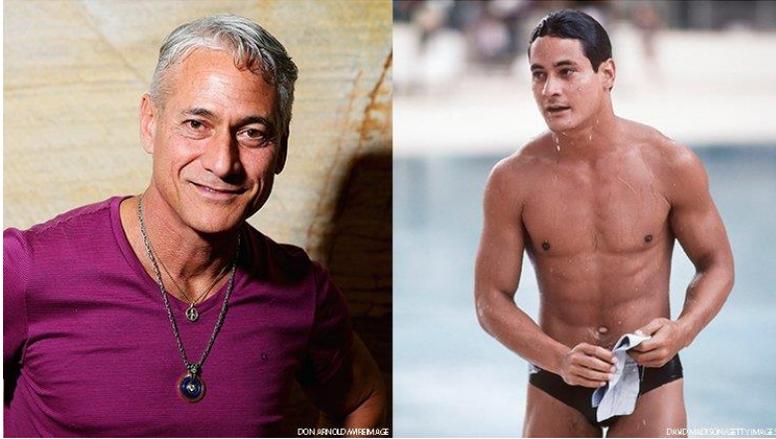


Gay plots appear on television in "Armistead Maupin's Tales of the City" and "Roseanne," among other shows.

Stonewall 25 and the Gay Games draw huge crowds of GLBT people to New York City.

Members of Dignity/Boston participate in a letter-writing campaign to the Massachusetts Legislature that results in passage of the Gay and Lesbian Students' Rights Bill being passed.

1995



Olympic diver Greg Louganis announces that he is gay and has AIDS.

One in Ten, a local GLBT newspaper, publishes a front-page story on Dignity/Boston.

Dignity/Boston awards its first Community Service Award for outstanding service to the GLBT Community.

Dignity/Boston offices move to the Boston Living Center at 29 Stanhope Street to share space with other GLBT and AIDS service organizations.

Upcoming Socials

Our Dignity/Boston Socials are once a month during the summer months. Our next social is Thursday, 8/11 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the topic will be announced soon.

Our Collections

Donate Via PayPal

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.

Second Collections:

Our July collection benefits the [Nativity School of Worcester](#). Nativity School of Worcester is an accredited, independent, Jesuit middle school that provides a quality, all-scholarship education to underserved boys of all faiths in Worcester. This is a school that was [targeted](#) by Bishop Robert McManus of Worcester. We ask you to please consider a [donation](#).

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 (7/30/22) by Thursday, 7/28/22 at 12 Noon.