



BULLETIN – July 30, 2022



DignityUSA Conference is Huge Success

Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke thanks all who participated in the DignityUSA Conference and says “thank you for being part of what was truly an extraordinary gathering. We hope you returned home transformed in some way, filled with memories of important connections with other participants, and with renewed energy for the work of building communities of expansive inclusion and justice.” We hope you enjoy the pictures on the first page of this Bulletin (Kathy Ann top and Maddie with Bryan Massingale lower left). Many more are available on the DignityUSA [Conference Facebook](#) page. Also, view DignityUSA Conference sessions [here](#).

Upcoming Liturgies

Sunday, 7/31 In-Person Eucharistic 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 8/7 Online Share the Word 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday, 8/14 Online Share the Word Feast of the Assumption

Note 1: All services are at 5:00 EDT.

Note 2: The 7/31 service includes Share the Word reflections.

Note 3: A Liturgy Committee Meeting follows the 8/7 service.

Upcoming Socials

Thursday, August 11

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

Downsizing

What is your relationship to objects that you own? What do you possess that you can't part with and why? Why can't we do "Spring Cleaning" more often? Come ready to show and tell.

Host: Peggy B.

Dignity/Boston Financials

If you'd like to know more about how Dignity/Boston is doing financially, please check out our 6 mo. Treasury Report below.

Dignity/Boston				
Treasurer's Report				
Six Months Ending June 30 2022				
		Year to Date	2022	
		Total	Budget	Variance
<u>REVENUE</u>				
	Donations	15,737.18	24,443.00	(8,705.82)
	Membership Dues	240.00	620.00	(380.00)
	Bank Interest	48.07	100.00	(51.93)
	Second Collection *	1,475.00	2,000.00	(525.00)
	Friday Night Supper Grant	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
	<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>	<u>\$ 20,000.25</u>	<u>\$ 27,163.00</u>	<u>(7,162.75)</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
OFFICE/ORGANIZATION				
	Church Rent/Storage Unit	5,143.98	10,258.00	5,114.02
	Insurance	0.00	500.00	500.00
	Other Office Expenses	543.29	1,750.00	1,206.71
	Communications	300.00	1,200.00	900.00
	Dignity Conference	2,500.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)
	Friday Night Supper Donation	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
	GROUPS & COMMITTEES	2,666.64	7,205.00	4,538.36
	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	<u>\$ 16,153.91</u>	<u>\$ 27,163.00</u>	<u>\$11,009.09</u>
	<u>INCOME/(LOSS) FOR YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 3,846.34</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,846.34</u>
<u>Future Expenses for 2022</u>				
	Church Rent/Storage Unit	\$5,144.00		
	Insurance	\$500.00		
	Dignity USA Support	\$3,000.00		
Notes:				
	* Second Collections only reflect the donations sent directly to the Chapter and not donations sent directly to organizations by members.			
	If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Chapter Treasurer C. Lawrence at dignityboston@gmail.com			

Cardinal Sins Ride On!



We are once again staffing our Pit Stop in Barnstable for the return of Harbor to the Bay in person event on Saturday, 9/17. We run the pit stop from about the 9:00 a.m. setup to 3:00 p.m. Come and help for part or all of the time. Please register on the H2B website, www.harbortothebay.org Search for our

Cardinal Sins team page with donations accepted also (see Second Collection writeup later in this Bulletin). Please take time to remember our other pandemic and the fight to end HIV/AIDS. Feel free to reach out to Matt (mjmceff@gmail.com) for more details or questions. Ride On!!

Dignity/Boston Timeline: 1996-1998

1996

The Pilot, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Boston, refuses to run an ad for Dignity/Boston but did not cite a reason.

As Hawaii considers the legalization of same-sex marriage, Congress approves the so-called Defense of Marriage Act, preventing federal recognition of same- sex marriage.

The Employment Non-Discrimination Act is barely defeated in Congress.

Dignity/Boston holds first annual variety show.

AIDS researcher Dr. David Ho named Time's Man of the Year.

1997

Comedian Ellen DeGeneres makes national news as she and her television character, Ellen Morgan, come out.

Dignity/Boston receives the 1997 Pride Interfaith Award.

Boston hosts the 13th Biennial Convention of DignityUSA, "We Are Called...Prophets to the World"; July 10-13, 1997.

The Archdiocese of Boston sent its clergy a letter admonishing them not to support or attend the area meetings of Corpus, an association of married priests, and DignityUSA's Biennial Convention.

Fashion designer Gianni Versace is murdered. The U.S. media sensationalizes his death and his murderer, Andrew Cunanan, a gay man.

A pastoral letter by the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops encourages families to accept their gay loved ones and reaffirms the basic human rights of gay people. However, the letter continues to assert that gay people must remain celibate.

Dignity/Boston celebrates its first 25 years with an ongoing series of listening nights, followed by a gala dinner/dance held in December.

1998

After months of planning, a group of Dignity/Boston members, nicknamed Team Bernie, meets with Cardinal Law for the first time at his private residence to discuss g/l/b/t issues with him.

The murder of Matthew Shepard, a 21-year-old student at the University of Wyoming, generates enormous press coverage and spontaneous demonstrations against hate crimes in dozens of cities around the country.

Dignity/Boston Executive Board establishes two new groups, the Bisexual Support group and Couples Ministry.

Tammy Baldwin, a Wisconsin state legislator, becomes the first openly lesbian candidate to win election to the House of Representatives.

Voters in Hawaii and Alaska decide by overwhelming margins to approve measures aimed at banning same-sex marriages in their states.

Dignity/Boston establishes a Baptismal Registry for the Chapter.

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](#). Our August collection benefits [Harbor to the Bay](#). This is a 125 mile AIDS charity bike ride from Boston to Provincetown, Massachusetts. Dignity/Boston has had a Harbor to the Bay team for decades, known as the “Cardinal Sins”. Please click [here to donate](#).

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 (8/15/22) by Saturday, 8/13/22 at 12 Noon.