



BULLETIN – April 30, 2022

Listening Night on Recommendations for Return to In-Person



Please join us for a Community Listening Night following our Share the Word service this Sunday, 5/1. We will be discussing recommendations from the Task Force Committee for Return to In-Person Liturgies as we seek to safely restart liturgies in-person. The recommendations are contained in the document linked [here](#) for Word [here](#) for PDF. We invite you to review them prior to our Listening Night.

Upcoming Liturgies

Sunday, 5/1	Third Sunday of Easter Share the Word	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 5/8	Fourth Sunday of Easter Share the Word	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 5/15	Fifth Sunday of Easter Share the Word	5:00 p.m.

Note: On 5/15, there will be a healing/anointing service and a Liturgy Committee Meeting that follows the service.

Upcoming Socials

Thursday, May 5

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

The Islands are Calling!

Enjoy a picturesque journey across the islands of Hawaii. You will see and hear about some stunning views and unique natural and historical sights. But not just a travelogue, we'll discuss Hawaiian culture, topography, and language and discover what makes the 50th state so special.

Host: Ron and Jon

Friday Night Supper: Corpus Grant and Spring Trivia Night



CORPUS, the National Association for an Inclusive Priesthood, has once again funded a grant proposal submitted by Dignity/Boston in

support of the Friday Night Supper Program's (FNSP) mission. Awarded was \$2,500 from the John and Roberta Hydar Grant (2022) to fund FNSP's "Warm and Dry Feet" Initiative to purchase winter boots and socks for distribution to program guests. The money will also allow purchase of a new freezer to support FNSP's food storage needs. Dignity/Boston has pledged to match this grant. Look for information in the coming weeks as we fund raise to honor this pledge. CORPUS works towards conversion of the church to a Eucharist centered, inclusive community rooted in justice and equality. For more information see the website, <https://www.corpus.org> Also, don't forget to sign up for FNSP's Spring Trivia Night. It's an evening to build social connections and to raise funds for Boston's most vulnerable residents. They'll be food, music, and friendly competition (auctions and raffles) to support the Program. This is a 21+ event. Tickets are \$60 per person. Discounted tickets are available for regular FNSP volunteers and young professionals/students under 30 at \$40. Visit [here](#) to purchase tickets and to learn more.

Our 50th Anniversary: Photo Request and Timeline!



Dignity/Boston turns 50 this year! The Anniversary Committee asks that you start to gather those photos of past Dignity events and gatherings, along with other publications and mementos -- that might be part of a fabulous anniversary display. If you can, identify faces, dates, and places on the back of the photo. The committee wants to give you a head start, with more directions coming as plans progress. As Dignity/Boston prepares to celebrate our 50th anniversary we look back to our past and reflect on the important milestones in our history. Today we look at 1978 – 1980:

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1978

San Francisco mayor George Moscone and openly gay supervisor Harvey Milk are assassinated.

Paul VI dies after 15 years as pope. His successor, John Paul I, dies after scarcely a month into his papacy, and is succeeded by John Paul II.

New England Region of Dignity/USA founded.

Dignity/Boston receives tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service.

Dignity/Boston Social Committee dropped, and Friends of Dignity formed to bring the organization into compliance with IRS rules.

Dignity/Boston invites John Boswell to lecture on “Christian History and Homosexuality”

1979

Humberto Cardinal Medeiros issues a pastoral letter on homosexuality proclaiming it to be a “grievous sin”. This letter is certainly a response to

Dignity/Boston's sending a letter to every priest in the diocese, informing them of the existence and purposes of Dignity.

The first March on Washington by lesbian and gay men.

Pope John Paul II visits Boston.

1980

Rhode Island high school student Aaron Fricke makes national news by taking a gay date to his high school prom.

Dove and wheat chosen as logo of Dignity/Boston.

Members of Dignity/Boston participate in a lay ministry training program at the Paulist Center.

Dignity/Boston: Community Connection

LGBTQ+ Basics and Beyond Online Training

Out MetroWest is inviting communities to an online training, *LGBTQ+ Basics and Beyond*, free of charge on Thursday, 5/19 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm. It is a 90-minute training that equips participants with up-to-date vocabulary and answers frequently asked questions about LGBTQ+ inclusion and etiquette. It aims to give clergy, staff, and congregants tools to be welcoming and inclusive neighbors, friends, and loved ones. Clergy, religious education teachers, lay leadership, and congregants of all backgrounds are encouraged to attend. [Pre-registration is required](#). Please email lily.pearl@outmetrowest.org for more information.

Next Executive Board Meeting:

The next Dignity/Boston Executive Board Meeting is Monday, May 2 at 7:30. Please email dignityboston@gmail.com for more information.

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 April collection benefits the [Lazarus Ministry of St. Anthony Shrine](#). This ministry is open to the homeless, abandoned, and with no known next-of-kin; no matter their faith. Thank you, in advance, for your [donation](#). Our May collection benefits [Good Shepherd Queer Camp](#). This is an inclusive setting where LGTBQIA+ youth and allies can feel safe, celebrated, loved, and valued by each other and their community. Thank you, in advance, for your [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! Please see the “thank you” note at the conclusion of this Bulletin.

<https://forms.gle/sz55Ycd2MHQcAhg6A>

Please email dignityboston@gmail.com if you have any items that you would like to suggest for the next Bulletin (5/15/22) by Friday, 5/13/22 at 12 Noon.



April 6, 2022

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Dear Dignity/Boston Community,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I write to you to thank you for your thoughtful donation. Your contribution of **\$200.00** provides LCWR with the resources needed to further our commitment to the future of religious life in these times of transformation. The vocation of religious life, this radical response to the Gospel, continues to flourish in our times even as we journey through the historical path of centuries of consecrated life in serving the needs of the world.

Know that we count on your prayers as we continue the mission of LCWR in different ways during the times in which we find ourselves. Though we cherish meeting in person, we know that virtual meetings and programs keep everyone involved. LCWR envisions an ongoing hybrid approach to programs and services.

Thank you, again, for your gifts of prayer and support of our efforts to serve the leaders of Congregations in the U.S. as they advance their missions, ministries and presence throughout the United States and the world. Count on the prayer of all of us at LCWR and all the women religious who will benefit from your donation. May God's peace, joy, blessing, and grace abound in ways that nurture and sustain you and all those you love.

In prayer and gratitude,

S. Carol
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*Dear Christopher,
Thank you so much for
your generous donation for
Dignity. Your LCWR sisters
are deeply grateful and stand
in solidarity + support of our
Dignity brothers - Blessing these
Paschal moments for
E. Carol*

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