



## **BULLETIN – May 15, 2022**

### **Unveiling Our New Dignity/Boston Logo**

You'll notice at the top of this first page of the Bulletin our new Dignity/Boston logo. In recognition of our fiftieth year, this weekend we unveil our Chapter's new logo. The logo was designed by long-time Dignity Boston member Charles (Chuck) Provancher with input from the Executive Board. It includes aspects of historical emblems with the wheat and dove symbol of the 1980s/1990s, and our most recent "D" mark with cross imaged through use of colors. The emblems are embraced by a prominent 50 in gold. Complete with our Chapter's name and years from its founding through today, it is envisioned that our new Dignity Boston logo will take us through 2022 and into the new year!

## Upcoming Liturgies

Sunday, 5/15	Fifth Sunday of Easter Share the Word	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 5/22	Sixth Sunday of Easter Share the Word	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, 5/29	Seventh 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 19**

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

**What's My Town?**



Let's learn more about each other. Where did you grow up? Where was your hometown located? Tell us all the great things about your town. Perhaps you have some favorite memories about the town. What was its history? Did any historical figures or celebrities come from your town? What are its

landmarks? How has your town changed over the years? Share pictures of your town. We can't wait to learn more about you and your town!

Host: Dave H.

## Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board is Monday, 6/6 at 7:30 p.m. Please email [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com) if you would like more information. All are welcome!

## **News from DignityUSA**

### **Candidates' Forum**

Please join us for the 2022 DignityUSA Board Candidates' Forum today (5/15) at 2:00 p.m. EDT. Consider registering now at the following link: <https://www.dignityusa.org/civCRM/event/info?id=138&reset=1> This is a great opportunity to ask questions and hear the candidates share their vision for DignityUSA. 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](mailto:operations@dignityusa.org) Ballots are due by 11:45PM EDT on Saturday, 6/25. Vote today to help shape DignityUSA's future.

### **Early Bird Registration Ends Today**

Register today (5/15) for our DignityUSA 25<sup>th</sup> National Conference in San Diego, running from Friday, 7/8 to Sunday, 7/10. Our early bird rates end today. Click [here](#) to register. 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](mailto:operations@dignityusa.org) to schedule a time to chat on the phone and be guided through the process.

### **DignityUSA Cosponsoring Upcoming Event:**

DignityUSA is cosponsoring the Catholic Organizations for Renewal's upcoming event "If Roe Falls How Should Progressive Catholics Respond?" taking place on Zoom on Wednesday, 5/18 and Wednesday 5/25. Overturning Roe v. Wade could have broad negative implications for the future of legislation that guarantees LGBTQI rights. This decision could even threaten Obergefell vs. Hodges, the case which granted same-sex marriage rights in all 50 states. DignityUSA strongly condemns any judicial action that threatens hard-won gains, including the rights of LGBTQI people and other marginalized individuals. Reproductive choice is a justice issue that impacts everyone.

Here is a description of the event and the registration link:

**Session One: Wednesday, May 18th from 7:30-9pm EDT**

*Catholic Organizations for Renewal welcomes Jamie Manson, President of Catholics for Choice (a member organization), who will explore the history of the Catholic Church's teaching on abortion and offer theological resources to help discern and articulate responses to reproductive rights rooted in Catholic Social Teaching.*

**Register:** <https://www.catholic-organizations-for-renewal.org/roe>

**Session Two: Wednesday, May 25th from 6:30pm – 8pm EDT**

*Catholic Organizations for Renewal welcomes a panel of experts who will explore a variety of topics including the White Supremacist and Christian Nationalist roots of the movement to overturn Roe and the potential impacts on social justice should Roe be overturned.*

**Register:** <https://www.catholic-organizations-for-renewal.org/roe>

Both sessions are free – but registration is required.

## **Dignity/Boston: Community Connection**

### **June is Pride Month!**

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](http://northshorepride.org).

## Mentors Needed for Local Immigrants

Enroot is currently accepting mentor applications for Fall 2022. If you are interested in mentoring immigrant high school students in the Cambridge and Somerville area and college students, you are encouraged to apply. Mentors work in partnership with students to develop goals, discuss the future, and build connections. The commitment is one hour a week meeting either at Somerville High School or at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School from October 2022 until June 2023. Mentors receive a comprehensive onboarding and orientation equipping them with the tools necessary to aid their transition into this role. [Learn more and apply here!](#)

## Dignity/Boston Timeline: 1981-1983



### **1981**

Dignity/Boston participates in the Boston Area Coalition for Cuban Aid and Resettlement to help resettle Cuban Refugees in the Mariel Boat Lift.

Dignity/USA publishes *A Disturbed Peace — Selected Writings of an Irish Catholic Homosexual* by Dignity/Boston member Brian McNaught.

Dignity/Boston's first Liturgy in Celebration of Women held.

The first reports of a "gay cancer", later identified as AIDS, begin to surface in major cities across the United States.

### **1982**

Two mainstream films, *Making Love* and *Personal Best*, tackle the issue of homosexuality.

The first international Gay Games are held in San Francisco.

Dignity/Boston member and Mayor's Liaison to the Gay and Lesbian Community Brian McNaught steps to the podium at Pride and announces the Mayor's Executive Order banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in employment and delivery of services by the City of Boston.

Dignity/Boston founds the Watchline, a hotline to monitor antigay violence in Boston.

## **1983**

January 31, 1983: Dignity/Boston liturgy is interrupted by a bomb threat.

Catherine Deneuve and Susan Sarandon star in the lesbian-themed film *The Hunger*.

Massachusetts Congressman Gary Studds becomes the first politician elected to national office to come out.

## **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 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!

<https://forms.gle/sz55Ycd2MHQcAhg6A>

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*Please email [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com) if you have any items that you would like to suggest for the next Bulletin (5/30/22) by Saturday, 5/28/22 at 12 Noon.*