



BULLETIN – June 30, 2022

DignityUSA Conference 2022 is Here!

Our DignityUSA Conference in San Diego begins on Friday, 7/7. All of the great information that you'll need to know is right here in this week's Bulletin:

General Information: <https://conf2022.dignityusa.org/>

Pre/Post Conference: <https://conf2022.dignityusa.org/pre-post-events>

Hotel Rates: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50160743/owner/432/home>

Speaker Information: <https://conf2022.dignityusa.org/speakers>

Conference Schedule: <https://conf2022.dignityusa.org/landing/schedule>

Volunteer Form: <https://conf2022.dignityusa.org/node/21>

Sponsorship Form: <https://conf2022.dignityusa.org/webform/sponsorship>

Products to Buy: <https://conf2022.dignityusa.org/product-catalog>

Upcoming Liturgies

Sunday, 7/3 14th Sunday Ordinary Time Share the Word 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 7/10 15th Sunday Ordinary Time Share the Word 5:00 p.m.

Note: Healing and anointing takes place at the 7/10 Share the Word.

Upcoming Socials

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

Thursday, July 14

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

DignityUSA Conferences and Conventions

Let's share stories and memories from DignityUSA events, from the San Diego conference (July 8-10, 2000) to the Boston-based conferences in 1997 and 2017. What was memorable, meaningful, funny, or fun? The social is open to all, whether you have attended a conference or convention or not.

Host: Peggy H.

Support Social Justice with a Chance to Win

Purchase a raffle ticket for \$5 (or 3 chances to win for \$10) to support DignityUSA's social justice mission. Raffle drawings will take place during DignityUSA's national conference in San Diego, but you *don't need to be present to win*. Prizes are packets of gift cards to national retailers (Amazon, Apple, Target, Dunkin' Donuts) valued at \$200 or more. Contact Peggy Hayes at peggyh@dignityusa.org to purchase tickets. Peggy is a member of the DignityUSA Executive Board. Thank you for the consideration.

Dignity/Boston Timeline: 1990-1992

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 1990 – 1992:

1990

President Bush invites members of the GLBT community to the White House to witness the signing of a bill covering anti-gay violence.

Congress eliminates a policy that prevented gay and lesbian foreigners from entering the U.S.

ACT-UP/Boston disrupts an ordination service by throwing condoms at Dignity/Boston.

Dignity member Bob Grady writes a letter to the Cardinal expressing Dignity/Boston's disagreement with ACT-UP over their actions.

1991

Chanting "Fight AIDS, not Arabs" protestors in New York City try to refocus media attention from the Persian Gulf War to AIDS.



Basketball star Earvin "Magic" Johnson announces that he is HIV-positive.

Pediatrics magazine publishes a study reporting that nearly 50% of the gay and lesbian teenagers interviewed said they had attempted suicide more than once.

1992

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith declares that discrimination against gays and lesbians regarding teaching, athletic coaching, adoptive parenting, and military recruitment is justified.

DignityUSA issues a statement expressing that it is “outraged, saddened, and dismayed at recent Vatican documents directing American bishops to actively oppose legislation that would protect civil rights of gay men and lesbians”.

The South Boston Allied War Veterans Council tries to prevent members of the GLBT community from marching in its St. Patrick’s Day march.

Newsweek runs a cover story on “lesbian chic”.

Singer k.d. lang comes out.

Two gay-themed children’s books, Daddy’s Roommate and Heather Has Two Mommies, evoke criticism in some New York City school districts.

Bill Clinton elected 42nd President of the United States, following a campaign in which he courted the GLBT vote.

Dignity/Boston’s Defenders is established as an outreach to the leather-levee community.

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 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.



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](#).

Thank You:

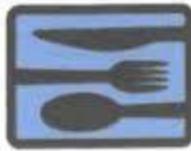
Please note, on our final page, there is a thank you to our Dignity/Boston community from the Friday Night Supper Program.

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 (7/15/22) by **Tuesday, 7/5/22** at 12 Noon. The early deadline is due to your Bulletin editor's attendance at the DignityUSA Conference.*



FRIDAY NIGHT SINCE 1984 SUPPER PROGRAM

Friday Night Supper Program
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June 1, 2022

Aidan Hennigan, President
Christopher Lawrence, Treasurer
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Dear Aidan, Chris, and all of the members of the Dignity Boston community,

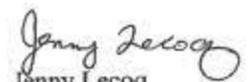
On behalf of the Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP), our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and hundreds of guests we serve every month, I want to extend a heart-felt thank you for your generous donation of \$5,000 to purchase a new freezer for FNSP and boots and socks for our "Warm and Dry Feet 2022" initiative. This support, which includes \$2,500 from the CORPUS grant and \$2,500 in matching support from the Dignity Boston community, will have both an immediate impact on the wellbeing of our guests and a long-term impact on our program's ability to optimize our food storage to ensure we can continue to serve nutritious, high-quality meals even as food prices increase. We look forward to sharing pictures and updates with you of the Warm and Dry Feet program and the new freezer.

We are so happy to welcome our guests once again for in-person dining. Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic two years ago, we have continuously modified our food service model, sometimes at the last minute, to ensure everyone's safety. Thanks to the dedication and flexibility of our staff and volunteers, we have never missed a Friday meal service. We have also created new partnerships during this period, including with Rescuing Leftover Cuisine of Massachusetts, who deliver 30-50 meals we prepare in the FNSP kitchen, to local shelters each Friday. Now with the arrival of summer, we look forward to the longer, warmer days and to preparing delicious, healthy meals with fresh, locally-sourced ingredients.

As a founding partner, Dignity Boston, has always been a good friend and supporter of FNSP and to the many guests we serve each year. We are continually grateful for your generous support and your commitment to helping those in need in our community. Your support makes what we do possible!

Please visit our website at www.fridaynightsupper.org and follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FridayNightSP/> to learn about how we are serving our guests. I also invite you to reach out to me at any time at giving@fridaynightsupper.org or 617-221-6402 to learn more about the program.

With gratitude,


Jenny Lecoq
Development Director

*Thank you for
this very special
gift and all you
do for FNSP!*

Cc: Jennie Vital, FNSP Board Chair; Peggy Burns, FNSP Board Member

PS: For your IRS records, please note that no goods or services have been received in return for this donation. Federal Tax ID#: 04-3238043