



## BULLETIN – December 15, 2022

### Congrats to Our Dignity/Boston 2023 Executive Board



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Julia Spiegelman

Treasurer:  
Tyler Mills

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*Picture (left to right): Julia Spiegelman, Becky Duddy-Burke, Peggy Burns, Alice Knowles, Bert Ouellette, Tyler Mills, and Aidan Hennigan ...*

...and thank you to outgoing members Chris Lawrence, Dave McAvoy, and Bob Pacitti for your service!!!

## Listening Night



Join us for a Community Listening Night this Sunday (12/18) following our online Share the Word liturgy. Our discussion will include an analysis of responses to the membership survey which was included with ballots for the 2023 election (related article follows in this Bulletin). The community discussion will aim to determine the right balance of liturgies, online and in-person, during the upcoming year.

## Community Survey Results

Many thanks to Executive Board members Aidan H. and Julia S. for their work in analyzing the results of our recent community survey. The survey asked members to select their likelihood of attending future in-person and online liturgies based on their frequency. Aidan tells us that responses were provided by about 60% of the membership. Two-thirds (66%) of respondents indicate they would attend online Share the Word Liturgies two or more times a month. Less than half of respondents (40%) would attend in-person liturgies two or more times a month if offered. A small number of respondents appear open to either liturgical format. Julia did a lot of work to provide us with full details that are also available on our website. Click [here](#) for all of the survey details. These results should help inform the community discussion planned for this Sunday's Listening Night (12/18) following the Online Share the Word liturgy. The Executive Board and Liturgy Committee thank all who participated in the survey.

## Our Liturgies

12/18	Online Share the Word Fourth Sunday of Advent	5:00 p.m.
12/24	Online Share the Word Christmas Eve	7:30 p.m.

Note: 12/18 service includes healing and anointing followed by a Listening Night

## Our Socials

**Tonight, 12/15**

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

### **The Good Life: Life Well Lived**



What does the good life mean to you? How do you live the good life? Is the good life the life of pleasure? Of virtue? Of meaning? Of happiness? Of music? Of laughter? Of kindness? And what do those things mean to you? And what theologies, philosophies, thinkers, and practices influence your thinking? An hour is far too short a time for an in-depth discussion; but at this social on the good life, maybe we can share some thoughts and ideas that we think may benefit others and remind ourselves of what we think is important. Join us!

Host: Mike

## Celebrating 50 Years of Dignity/Boston



Many thanks to all who made our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Liturgy a huge success!

## **Participate in the DignityUSA Advent Reflection Series**

DignityUSA invites you to participate in our Advent Reflection Series for 2022. An advent-themed reflection on the week's readings will be given, followed by group discussions. The final reflection in the series is taking place on Wednesday, 12/21 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The reflection series is free, but registration is required. Click [here](#) to register!

## **Beloved by God: Catholic Commitment to Trans-Affirmation**



DignityUSA has launched a campaign to make Catholic support for this community visible. “Beloved by God: A Catholic Commitment to Trans-Affirmation” goes public, co-sponsored by 18 organizations and a

growing list of Catholic leaders. Beloved by God asks people to sign a declaration stating: “As Catholics, we firmly believe our transgender and nonbinary members are beloved by God. We recognize that these individuals are living into the dream God had for them long before their birth. We pledge to make an open commitment to supporting justice, equity, and affirmation for transgender and nonbinary individuals throughout the Catholic Church and the world.” Click [here](#) for more information on this, including the key elements of the 12-point pledge.

## **Next Executive Board Meeting**

The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board is Wednesday, 1/4 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Please send an email to [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com) to request a link.



## Joyful and Triumphant and Gay!



Join the Boston Gay Men's Chorus (BGMC) for its first in-person holiday show since 2019. It's sure to be "Joyful and Triumphant and Gay"! As BGMC begins its season, the group presents "Joyful and Triumphant and Gay", an entrancing program that depicts joy, encouragement, and pride in the human spirit. Experience the holidays with BGMC! For dates, times, and tickets, please click [here](#).

## Dignity/Boston Has Table at First Event!



Dignity/Boston will have a table at the upcoming First Event conference. This conference is one of the longest running conferences in the U.S. for transgender and gender expansive people and those who love and support them.

The event runs from Wednesday, 1/25/23 to Sunday, 1/29/23!! [First Event](#) will once again include full workshop schedules, networking events, and the not-to-be-missed banquet and fashion show in the amazing grand ballroom. This event will fill up fast. Save the date! Here's a [link](#) for registration information. If you're interested in helping us out at the table, please email [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com) Look forward to seeing you there!

## **A Letter of Thanks!**

We received a nice “thank you” letter from our friends at the Friday Night Supper Program. You can find that letter on the final page of our Bulletin.

## **Our Collections**

### **Donate Via PayPal**



Please support Dignity/Boston by sending your donations via [Pay Pal!](#) Once logged in and on site, please select “send” then search for “DignityBoston@gmail.com”.

### **Donate Via Mail**

Support Dignity and its second collections by sending donations to: Dignity/Boston, PO Box 170428, Boston, MA 02117-0408. Make checks payable to “Dignity/Boston”. If it’s for the monthly Second Collection, write “Second Collection” on the memo line. Thanks for your generosity.

### **December Collection:**

Our December collection benefits the [Women’s Ordination Conference](#). 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>

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



**FRIDAY NIGHT** SINCE 1984  
**SUPPER PROGRAM**

**Friday Night Supper Program**  
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December 12, 2022

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Dear Aidan and our friends at Dignity Boston,

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 \$2,000 to our organization. Your ongoing partnership and generous support of FNSP makes what we do possible- and we are truly grateful!

At FNSP, we strive to provide hot, nutritious, and delicious meals, good quality clothing and footwear, toiletries, and a sense of community for our guests in a dignified environment. Our volunteers, staff, and partners are an integral part of this beautiful community – this includes you! Thanks to their dedication and flexibility, we have never missed a Friday meal service. One of the most important things we have learned during these difficult times is the importance of providing a space for community and friendship- and this is exactly what we find at our Friday night meals.

Thank you again for all you have done and continue to do to support FNSP! I invite you to reach out to me at any time at [giving@fridaynightsupper.org](mailto:giving@fridaynightsupper.org) or 617-221-6402.

*Wishing you all a joyful and healthy holiday season!*

With Gratitude,

Jenny Lecoq  
Development Director

*Merry Christmas and  
all the best for a  
wonderful start to 2023!  
Thank you!*

Cc: Jennie Vital, FNSP Board Chair; Peggy Burns, Dignity Boston; Julia Spiegelman, Dignity Boston

*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*