



BULLETIN – August 30, 2023

Our Liturgies

Sun., 9/3 Online Share the Word 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m.

Sun., 9/10 In-Person Eucharistic 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m.

Anniversary Dinner!

Join us for our Dignity Boston Anniversary Dinner on Friday, 9/29 at 6:30 p.m. at Club Café in Boston's Back Bay. We celebrate over 50 years of service to our progressive Catholic community. This special time will include passed appetizers with a couple of stationary platters. There will also be speakers who will talk about their engagement with the various causes that Dignity Boston has supported through the years. You can purchase tickets with a check made out to "Dignity Boston". You may also pay by cash. Check or cash may be given to a Dignity Boston Executive Board member. [Pay Pal](#) is an additional option. Once logged in and on site, please select "send" then search for "DignityBoston@gmail.com". Please note that it's for the "Anniversary Dinner". Tickets are \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members with scholarships available. We hope to see you there!

Our Socials: Save the Date



After a summer hiatus, our Dignity Boston Socials return next month (September) with the “Blessing of the Animals”. The event will be online via Zoom. It’s Thursday evening, 9/28, at 7:00 EDT. There will be a prayer service, blessing, and a remembrance of our precious pets from the past! We hope to see you and your pet(s) at this special social event. To the left is Chris Connor’s and Bev Bates’ sweet, new pup “Luna”. We hope to see Luna and lots of other Dignity Boston pets at this online gathering of humans and pets.

More Crew Needed for Harbor to the Bay



Our Dignity Boston Harbor to the Bay riders, “The Cardinal Sins”, go to the finish line one last time on Saturday, 9/23. With 68 and 125 mile rides, a short loop in PTown, or Harbor to the Bay Your Way, there is something for everyone. Dignity Boston will be at Pit Stop 5 again this year. [Register now](#) as rider or crew member. The 117 crew members that Harbor to the Bay has signed up sounds like enough, but it isn’t! Help is needed at most of the pit stops. If you plan to join us this year, please sign up! Thank you to Matthew and David, our Pit Stop 5 captains. Thanks to your generosity we’ve already raised \$11,240.21 (at the time of this Bulletin release).

Our Meetings

The next meeting of the Dignity Boston Executive Board is Wednesday, 9/6 at 7:00 p.m. is online. The next meeting of the Dignity Boston Liturgy Committee is Sunday, 9/17 following our 5:00 p.m. online Share the Word service. All are welcome to attend these meetings. To get the link to attend the meetings, please email dignityboston@gmail.com

Join Team Dignity Boston in Strides for Action



Would you like to take a beautiful fall walk in the city with friends and community for a great cause? Join Team Dignity Boston in the “Strides for Action Walk” on Sunday, 10/1 stepping off from Carson Beach in South Boston. This is the “next generation” of the beloved AIDS Walk where Dignity Boston had a team for decades. Your participation in this event will help support HIV/AIDS research and care, gender-affirming care, mental and behavioral health services, teens and young adults experiencing homelessness, and aging LGBTQIA+ adults. Join Team Dignity Boston or sponsor a walker/the team at <https://stridesforaction.org/s23/dignity-boston> They’ll be fun before, during, and after! Gather with Team Dignity Boston and the community before the walk for opening ceremonies and be sure to stick around after the walk. We plan to be stepping off at 9:00 a.m. with community activities starting as early as 8:00 a.m. Strides for Action ends with a day of celebration featuring performances, food, and fun for the whole family. Bond with the community, honor the lives of those we have lost, and look forward to a healthier future for all. Please note that free parking will be available at the Boston Teachers Union (180 Mt Vernon St, Dorchester, MA 02125) and Corcoran Jennison Management (150 Mt Vernon St, Dorchester, MA 02125) lots. Check with Peggy Hayes for more information about Team. We hope to see you on 10/1 for this exciting and meaningful event.

Friday Night Supper Program: Welcome and Thank You



New Executive Director Named

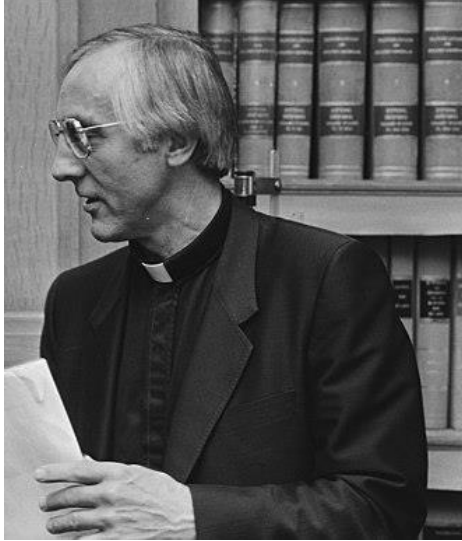
Aidaliz Perez, who joined the Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP) as Program Director in February 2023, has been named the Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP) Executive Director. In her new role, she will be managing the Friday Night Supper program's weekly operations, volunteers, fundraising, and communications. Aidaliz has done a fantastic job building a strong rapport with our volunteers and implementing new systems in operations. We are sure that she will bring the same enthusiasm and skill to the Friday Night Supper program's fundraising and communications. You may contact Aidaliz by emailing at contact@fridaynightsupper.org or by phone at 617-221-6402. As the fiscal year is coming to an end, FNSP will also be welcoming a new Board Chair, Caitlin MacDonald, in September.

Thank You Jenny!

The Friday Night Supper Program wants to extend a big thank you to its outgoing Development Director, Jenny Lecoq, who has worked at FNSP since January 2020. Jenny helped FNSP increase its annual revenue by nearly 50% while implementing a new system for donor relations and revitalizing our communications. She is wished the best in her new endeavors. Thanks to all for continued support of the Friday Night Supper program.

News from DignityUSA

Life and Ministry of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton



Join DignityUSA for a discussion about the life, ministry, and impact of Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, recipient of DignityUSA's Risk Taker/Justice Maker Award. There will be a talk with the authors of the recently released book *No Guilty Bystander*, Frank Fromherz and Suzanne Sattler, IHM, as well as with early Dignity leader Brian McNaught, who figures prominently in the book. This online event will be Tuesday, September 12 at 8:00 PM ET/5:00 PM PT. [Register now](#) and read the book, which is available from Orbis Press and other booksellers.

Dateline

For the latest DignityUSA news, check out the new edition of [Dateline](#). Here you will find more information on:

- DignityUSA board elections
- Proposals to amend DignityUSA by-laws
- An upcoming membership meeting
- DignityUSA's partnership with Q Christian Fellowship
- An upcoming Defenders in-person gathering
- Our voice at World Youth Day

Our Community

Worcester Pride



The last stop for Pride this season is in the Heart of the Commonwealth, Worcester! Pride activities range from a Pride Festival on Worcester Common (9/9) to a Pride Tea Dance at the new Worcester Femme Bar (9/9 at 8:00 p.m.) to the “Be You Drag Brunch” at Wormtown Brewery (9/10 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Pride activities in Worcester run from 9/1 to 9/15. To learn more, see www.prideworcester.org

Celebration of Marriage



In case you have not heard, Boston Spirit has a very special event taking place this fall. The event is the first ever Celebration of Marriage and Wedding Vow Renewal Party aboard the stunning Odyssey yacht in Boston Harbor. The event is Wednesday night, 9/13 at 6:30 p.m. (6:00 p.m. boarding). Details [here](#). Tickets are only \$50 per couple. We hope to see you see at this special event as we cruise through Boston Harbor on, hopefully, a beautiful late summer evening.

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 In-Person or Via Mail

Please support Dignity Boston and DignityUSA as well as our Second Collections by contributing at our in-person liturgies or sending donations to: Dignity/Boston, PO Box 170428, Boston, MA 02117-0408. Please make checks payable to “Dignity Boston”. If your contribution is for the monthly Second Collection, please write “Second Collection” on the memo line. Please note that the second collection for the month will be taken at the in-person service that is offered on the second Sunday of each month, or, if for some reason the in-person schedule changes, it will then be collected on the next Sunday that we meet in-person.

August Collection

Our Dignity Boston August collection benefits the Harbor to the Bay Dignity/Boston cycling team “The Cardinal Sins”. Please click [here](#) to donate. We’re less than a month away from another exciting ride!

September Collection

Our Dignity Boston September collection benefits World Central Kitchen—Hawai’i Wildfire Relief. Please click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) to donate.

Please contact dignityboston@gmail.com if you have any items that you would like to suggest for our next Bulletin (9/15/23) by Wednesday, 9/13/23 at 12 Noon.