



BULLETIN – September 15, 2023

Our Liturgies

Sun., 9/17 Online Share the Word 24nd Sunday Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m.

Sun., 9/24 In-Person Eucharistic 25rd Sunday Ordinary Time 5:00 p.m.

Note: There will be a healing component to the 9/17 Share the Word liturgy.

Come to Our Anniversary Dinner!

Join us for our Dignity Boston 50th Anniversary Dinner on Friday, 9/29 at 6:30 p.m. at Club Café in Boston's Back Bay. You can purchase tickets with a check made out to "Dignity Boston" or pay by cash. Check or cash may be given to an 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. [Here](#) are some details about our celebration with a form included to fill out to RSVP for the event (important to do this). The menu includes an appetizer, salad, vegetable, and entrée (cod, Shanghai Power Bowl, or chicken piccata). Parking options include [100 Clarendon St.](#) or pre-reserve through the [SpotHero app](#). We hope to see you there!!

Our Socials: Save the Date



After a summer hiatus, our Dignity Boston Socials return this month 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 the Houlivans’ dog, Dolce.

Final Ride: Crew Needed, Donations Welcome!

Our Dignity Boston Harbor to the Bay riders, “The Cardinal Sins”, go to the finish line one last time on Saturday, 9/23. 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 over \$13,000 (at the time of this Bulletin release). We’re also the 6th highest fundraising team! Donations, of course, are still welcome! Here is our team’s [donation page](#) which also includes pages for our individual team members.

Some Guidelines For In-Person Liturgies

The Executive Board of Dignity Boston is continuously monitoring the spread of Covid. Out of concern for rising rates of Covid infection we encourage you to wear a mask. If you are not feeling well (fever, cold symptoms, or a positive Covid test) please join the liturgy through streaming. Unless previously provided, attendees will be asked to show proof of vaccination including having received a booster shot.

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.

Dignity Boston Team Donation Page:

<https://stridesforaction.org/s23/dignity-boston>

Kathy Ann Gianino's Donation Page:

<https://stridesforaction.org/s23/ka>

Peggy Hayes' Donation Page:

<https://stridesforaction.org/s23/peggy-hayes-strides-for-action>

Dave Houle's Donation Page:

<https://stridesforaction.org/s23/dave-houle>

Jane Powers' Donation Page:

<https://stridesforaction.org/s23/help-jane-stride-for-action>

Our Elections

The time to run for our Dignity Boston Executive Board will be here before you know it. Consider using your time and talent to serve as a Dignity Boston Executive Board member. Nominations Night is Sunday, 10/29 after our online service. Candidates Night, where the nominees share their vision, is Sunday, 11/5 after our in-person liturgy. Voting happens after this and ballots must be received by Noon on Saturday, 12/2. More details soon!

News from DignityUSA: Krzysztof Charamsa to Speak at B.C.



Many Dignity Boston members will remember Krzysztof Charamsa from the 2017 DignityUSA Conference hosted here. Krzysztof is the former Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith official who came out and spoke with us about the CDF's campaign against homosexuality. He is now an author and justice activist living with his partner in Spain. On 10/3 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Krzysztof will be speaking at Stokes S195 Auditorium at Boston College. His topic is "After

Copernicus and Darwin Came Stonewall: How has the Church's Case against Homosexuality Fared?" The event is free and open to the public. Krzysztof has extended a personal invitation to the Dignity community. Here's the [link](#) for more information on his talk.

Our Community: MBCC LGBTQIA+ Dance

On 10/21, the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition (MBCC) will hold its 26th Annual LGBTQIA+ Lesbians and Friends Dance, in-person at Boston's best venue, Club Cafe, and virtually on Zoom. Tickets are available at mbcc.org/dance. Find out more about MBCC at mbcc.org. MBCC strives to change the legacy of breast cancer for future generations.



The Greater Boston LGBTQIA Catholic Collective
invite you to the Boston Premiere
of the film

Wonderfully Made LGBTQ+R(eligion)

Directed by Yuval David
Produced by Mark McDermott

Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 PM
St. Cecilia Church
18 Belvidere St.
Boston, MA 02115

Q&A with the creatives and advocates following the screening

Light reception immediately follows.

For more information email lgbtqministry@stanthonyshrine.org



Wonderfully Made - LGBTQ+R(eligion) is a feature-length documentary striking at the root of anti-LGBTQ attitudes by exploring the challenges and aspirations of LGBTQ+ Catholics. The film focuses on the Catholic Church because it is one of the largest religious organizations and its anti-LGBTQ+ stance is known and growing more hardline. It features interviews with leading advocates rarely seen all together, including clergy, organizational leaders and activists. The narrative of the film is shaped by the process of a fine art project creating unprecedented, photographic iconography depicting Jesus as a member/ally of the LGBTQ+ community, represented by multiple LGBTQ+ models.

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Our Meetings

The Dignity Boston Liturgy Committee meets on Sunday, 9/17 following our 5:00 p.m. online Share the Word service. The Dignity Boston Executive Board meets on Wednesday, 10/4 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! To get the link to attend the meetings, please email dignityboston@gmail.com

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.

September Collection

Our Dignity Boston September collection benefits World Central Kitchen—Hawai'i Wildfire Relief. 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 (9/30/23) by Thursday, 9/28/23 at 12 Noon.