

DignityUSA Executive Director Meets Pope Francis

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Our Liturgies

Upcoming Liturgies

Sun., 11/5	I-P Eucharistic Liturgy of Remembrance	5:00 p.m.
Sun., 11/12	Online STW 32 nd Sunday Ordinary Time	5:00 p.m.

Note: STW refers to a Share the Word service. I-P refers to an in-person service.

Liturgy of Remembrance and Reading of Names

This liturgy will be in-person on Sunday, 11/5. Please join us. If you would like to have the name of a person who has died since our last Liturgy of Remembrance read aloud in our Liturgy of Remembrance, you can send the name or names via email to DBBookofremembrance@gmail.com. In your email please include a guide to pronunciation if needed.

In-Person Liturgy Schedule

For the months of November and December, our in-person liturgies at St. Stephen's will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, not the 2nd and 4th Sundays. The third Sunday in November (11/19) will be our Liturgy of Thanksgiving. The first Sunday in December (12/4) will be our Anniversary Liturgy. Thanks, in advance, for considering joining us for these in-person services.

Some Guidelines for In-Person Liturgies

Please note that 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 to our liturgies. 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 Covid booster shot.

Our Elections

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.

Our Meetings

The Dignity Boston Executive Board Meeting meets on Wednesday, 11/1 at 7:00 p.m. The Dignity Boston Liturgy Committee meets on Sunday, 11/12 following our online liturgy. All are welcome to attend. You may request the online link for the Dignity Boston Executive Board meeting by emailing dignityboston@gmail.com

Remember Those Faces?



Last month in our Men's Spirituality Group Turns 30 article we provided the above picture. Many people in our community remembered several of the faces but were stuck on a few. To, perhaps, bring back your memory a little bit, here are the first names of those pictured above. From left to right, we have Tony, Jon, Luis, Jim, Leo, Ron, Brian, Bill, Chris, and David.

Our Community

Wonderfully Made Documentary Shown at St. Cecelia's

Several Boston Catholic communities, including Dignity/Boston, recently came together to sponsor and view the documentary "Wonderfully Made". This documentary shows the holiness of LGBTQ+ people and our struggle with the institutional church. Be watching for this to once again be available in our area at some venue in the future!

News from DignityUSA

Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke and Others Meet with Pope



DignityUSA Executive Director Marianne Duddy-Burke was among four leaders of the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics welcomed as special guests at the General Audience at the Vatican with an opportunity to meet Pope Francis. This historic meeting occurred just days before the first session of the Synod on Synodality concludes. The group that met with the Pope included Duddy-

Burke, who serves as both Executive Director of DignityUSA and Co-chair of the Global Network of Rainbow Catholics; Christopher Vella of Malta, the other Co-chair of GNRC; Ruby Almeida, from India living in England, Media Officer of GNRC; and Alessandro Previti of Italy, Media Consultant for GNRC. “This opportunity to talk with Pope Francis, and to share stories about the lives, faith, and challenges of LGBTQIA+ Catholics, was unprecedented in the more than 50 years of our movement,” said Duddy-Burke. “I believe it is another step on the path to greater inclusion, respect and just treatment of LGBTQIA+ people in our church, and in the many institutions run by Catholic organizations throughout the world, including schools, colleges and universities, hospitals, and social service agencies. We were able to thank the Pope for his groundbreaking statement that the criminalization of people based on our identities must end. We urged him to direct bishops and Catholic political leaders to act on his statement by opposing the criminalization of LGBTQIA+ people rather than actively supporting it, as some have recently done. In meeting the Pope, we were mindful of colleagues in Africa and elsewhere who have had to flee their homelands, who are in hiding, who have been evicted from their homes, fired from their jobs, physically attacked, and threatened with imprisonment and even death because of anti-LGBTQIA+ laws and campaigns,” said Duddy-Burke. To this, the Pope replied “Avanti!” That translates to “keep moving forward.” You can read more at www.dignityusa.org

Membership Meeting Registration Now Open

The DignityUSA annual membership meeting will be Saturday, November 18 at 2:00pm EST. This meeting will be held via Zoom. This is an opportunity to hear from the DignityUSA Board about programmatic accomplishments and a financial update on fiscal year 2023. Click [here](#) to register.

Have You Received Your By-Laws Ballot?

If you have not received a By-Laws ballot from DignityUSA, please contact operations@dignityusa.org Paper ballots were also mailed out to those with an email on file.

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

Support Dignity Boston through our Second Collections by contributing at our in-person liturgies or sending donations to: Dignity/Boston, PO Box 170428, Boston, MA 02117-0408. Make checks payable to “Dignity Boston”. If your contribution is for the monthly Second Collection, please write “Second Collection” on the memo line.

October Collection

Our Dignity Boston October collection benefits Boston GLASS. To donate or get more details, please click [here](#).

November Collection



Our Dignity Boston November collection benefits the [Friday Night Supper Program](#). To donate, please click [here](#).

Please contact dignityboston@gmail.com if you have any items that you would like to suggest for our next Bulletin (11/15/23) by Monday, 11/13/23.