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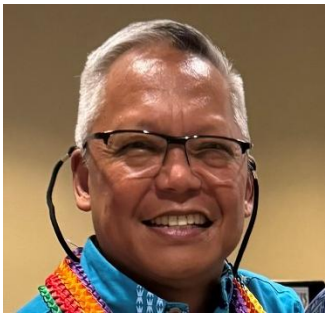
From the desk of Ron, Dignity Boston President



- With this issue, we introduce a new recurring bulletin item featuring news highlights from Dignity Boston's President and Executive Board. Please know that we are always available to discuss your concerns. Please talk to any of us or send an email to dignityboston@gmail.com You are also welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

- I'm so excited to work with the 2026 Board, including Tyler, Vice President; David R., Secretary; Chris, Treasurer; and Lourdes, Steven, and Dave H., Members-at-Large. We are a diverse group in many ways. We are an inter-generational board. Did you know that our age range spans almost 50 years?

- We are working to fill the vacant position on the Board.

- The Board has developed a Vision for the year: "Dignity Boston Renaissance: Finding Clarity in Complex Times". Stay tuned over the next several weeks as we provide details and events related to this theme.

- Arts Tip: If you have a chance, go to see "Of Light and Air: Winslow Homer in Watercolor" at the Museum of Fine Arts (closing 1/19).

Our Liturgies

Sunday Liturgies

Sunday, 1/18
Remote
Liturgy of the Word
Zoom Only
Healing Service
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. EST

Sunday, 1/25
In-Person
Eucharistic Liturgy
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 p.m. EST

Christian Unity Sunday

Sunday, 1/18, in addition to being the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, is also Christian Unity Sunday. Rev. Michelle DeCoste (pictured to the left) will be our guest homilist. Michelle was a member of Dignity Boston for over 20 years before moving to New Hampshire to follow a desire to explore chaplaincy as a vocation. She transitioned to the United Church of Christ during her time in Concord, NH and she was ordained in the NH Conference in 2006. She has worked as a Clinical Pastoral Educator and later as the Director of Spiritual Care & Education at a long-term care community for the past 23 years. She works in an ecumenical setting and has learned a great deal from the elders she works with about how Christians can work across differences.

Save the Date

Just a reminder that Lent begins on Wednesday, 2/18 with Ash Wednesday. More on this as time gets closer.

Our Activism

Dignity Seeks Volunteers for First Event

Dignity Boston will once again be staffing a table at the Trans Community of New England's (TCNE) First Event 2026. Volunteer to help by emailing dignityboston@gmail.com The event is running from Wednesday, 1/21 to Sunday, 1/25 at the Hilton Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. First Event is one of the longest running conferences in the U.S. for trans and gender expansive people and those who love and support them.

Our Blessings

A Blessing Offering

From time to time, Dignity Boston has blessed members of the community who are embarking on a particular mission, journey, or life transition. Some examples of this have included blessing a Dignity Boston team before a fundraising event, those making a geographical move, and those attending a Dignity conference or making an important trip on behalf of Dignity. We want the community to be aware that this type of blessing is available. If you have an upcoming significant transition, you may wish to send an email to dignityboston@gmail.com to request such a blessing at an upcoming virtual or in-person liturgy.

Our Meetings

Upcoming Board and Liturgy Committee Meetings

Dignity Boston Liturgy Committee Meeting
Sunday, 2/8
following our Remote Liturgy of the Word service
All are welcome!

Dignity Boston Executive Board Meeting
Thursday, 2/12
7:00 p.m. EDT
To attend a board meeting as a guest, email dignityboston@gmail.com
All are welcome!

Our History

Did You Know That?

You might know that Dignity/Boston has been around for 53 years? But did you know that the first liturgy was held at a gay bar? A group of about 20 gays and lesbians had heard of the forming of a national group named Dignity starting on the West coast. Thanks, in part to the late Father Tom Oddo they gathered on the first Sunday in December in 1972 and held a liturgy at Randolph Country Club. We have been meeting as a faith community on Sundays since then! It has taken the presence and contribution of many through the years to grow in faith and give witness to the Gospel without shame or apology. Please note that "Did You Know That" will be a reoccurring feature in the Dignity Boston Bulletin. It is written by our own, Lourdes Rodriguez-Nogues (pictured to the left). She is a longtime member of Dignity Boston, former President of Dignity USA, and current member of the Dignity Boston Executive Board.

Our Parent DignityUSA

Conference Pre-Registration

Preregistration for Conference 2027 is now open! With a deposit of $100, you can secure your spot and get a discount off the registration cost. The DignityUSA conference will be held 7/2 to 7/4 in 2027 at the Embassy Suites in Dublin, OH which is just outside of Columbus. DignityUSA is excited to be returning to this location and to a state where three DignityUSA chapters of dedicated Dignity members are ready to welcome us! Preregistration is valid through 4/30/27. DignityUSA gives full refunds through 4/15/27. After that, a $50 service fee will apply. See you in Dublin!

Our Collections

January Collection

Our January Collection benefits the Trans Community of New England (TCNE), which is a Boston area transgender support organization for the trans community. To donate, please click here.

Our Ongoing Announcements

New Mailing Address

Our new Dignity Boston mailing address is: Dignity Boston, P.O. Box 262, Belmont, MA 02478. For any questions you may have, please reach us at dignityboston@gmail.com

Subscribe to Dateline

If you are enjoying the “Our Parent DignityUSA” section of the Bulletin, you can get even more DignityUSA information by subscribing to the DignityUSA newsletter, Dateline. Please click here to subscribe to this.

Contact Information

Please note that DignityUSA’s new address is: DignityUSA, 51 Pleasant St. #1107, Malden, MA 02148. The phone number is 781-309-7686. Contact us anytime!

Donate In-Person or Via Mail

Consider supporting Dignity Boston by contributing at our in-person liturgies or by sending donations to Dignity Boston, P.O. Box 262, Belmont, MA 02478. Make your checks payable to “Dignity Boston”. If it is for one of our Second Collections, write “Second Collection” in the memo field.

Please contact dignityboston@gmail.com if you have any items that you would like to suggest for our next Bulletin (1/30/26) by Noon on Wednesday, 1/28.