

dignity san francisco

Spirit

"Lord Send Out Your SPIRIT!"

Dear Members and Friends,

Thanks to all who donated so generously of their time and talent for our Pride celebrations this past month. They were a wonderful success, and we hope that everyone is renewed by the great response that we received from the community. I think **our goal of communicating the positive, loving, ad vocative and pastoral Catholicism** that our chapter can provide to our lesbian, gay, transgender and bisexual communities was met.

• SAINTS + SINNERS •

This documentary, telling the story of two *Dignity New York* members and their quest to be married in the Catholic Church, was a beautiful film. Approximately half of the movie was their personal story, and the other half about Dignity and the struggles of being gay and out in our church. As Father Ralph said in his homily, it was very moving to hear a detailed discussion of LGBT love and sacrament (in the same film) treated reverently and respectfully. I hope that anyone who missed the screening on Pride Saturday will ask their favorite video store to obtain the film and see it when released. Thank you to all of those who helped prepare for the screening, which was attended by about 90 people. **Thank you also to Frameline28 for bringing the film to our LGBT festival and allowing us to co-present.**

• Pride Liturgy •

Our *Pride liturgy* was held at 5:30pm following the movie. We had a congregation of about 40, who witnessed two happy events. The first was **the awarding of the co-chair awards, which went to Marian Hernandez, Jimmy Criss and Harvey Rose.** These awards are given to members of the chapter who have demonstrated generosity, devotion and good works to our Dignity community. This was followed later by the blessing of **same-sex committed relationships, a touching ceremony which honored 7 couples** who have been members of our chapter from less than a year to over 15 years. Congratulations to all!

• Pride Sunday Activities •

The beautiful weekend weather was capped by a sunny *Pride Parade* day, with a Dignity SF contingent of 15 members and friends who were **"Out 4 Justice"** carrying signs with the names of prominent Catholics throughout history who came out to their communities for justice for all. Dignity volunteers staffed an information booth and distributed chapter information and the Dignity USA ad campaign flyers **"We Call It Love"**. The Dignity beverage booth was staffed by members, friends, Defenders and members of the *Bay Blades* rowing club. We should know the financial success of the beverage booth sometime in late July or early August, but beverage sales were brisk late in the afternoon and we are hoping to achieve our budget goal. **A big thank you to all of those who spent part or all of their day with us, putting the Dignity name out to the community.**

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JOHN BROWN

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JOE CURTIN,

Co-CHAIRS

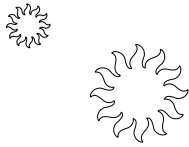


CELEBRATING

OUR SEXUALITY

AND LOVE AS

GIFTS FROM GOD



"I will not allow my life's
light to be determined by
the darkness around me."
— Sojourner Truth

• **Secretary to the Board of Directors** •

We are pleased to announce that **Marian Hernandez** has been appointed as the new *Secretary to the Board*. Thank you Marian!

• **Quarterly Membership Meeting** •

There will be a general membership quarterly meeting following liturgy on **Sunday, July 18th**. We will be giving a budget update, a review of membership changes, a presentation on our major goals and objectives for 2004-2005, and an update on our proposed bylaws changes. We hope everyone will join us for this important meeting.

• **NORA & LISA HOLY UNION** •

Come join us in celebrating the Ceremony of Commitment of Nora Johnson and Lisa Rodke, on **Saturday, July 31st at 10:30am** at the Pacific School of Religion Chapel, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley, CA. We are invited to share in and witness songs, readings, the exchange of vows and rings, Communion, and a reception. **Please RSVP to Lisa at 510.548.4601.**

Our love to you both!

• **Summer Events** •

In addition to our regular liturgies on Sunday at 5:30pm at Seventh Avenue Church, we will be having a Dignity group going to the Willows resort at Russian River for Labor Day weekend, September 3 – 6. **Please contact Kevin at 510.595.1068 to reserve a tent space soon if you are planning to camp; contact the Willows directly if you wish to reserve a room.** Make your plans early as this trip fills up fast!

• **Taize Prayer** •

The Taize prayer service held monthly on the Second Monday of the month with the St. John of God parish, on 5th Avenue at Irving has been postponed for the summer. We hope you will join us again in the fall for this hour of prayer, song and meditation.

• **Other Reminders and Thank-yous** •

The Dignity Board meetings are now held on the **Third Sunday of the month at 2:30pm at Seventh Avenue Presbyterian** to be more convenient for members (especially those who live out of town) to attend. Please come and bring your ideas with you! Your presence will improve our decision-making process and make it more responsive to your needs and desires for the future of the chapter.

Have a wonderful, restful, exciting and safe summer. We count on your continued support as we celebrate our 30 years of worship, witness and service as bisexual, lesbian, gay and transgender Catholics and members of Dignity USA. Vaya con dios!

John and Joe, your co-chairs

• **TOSHIYUKI & NEIL HOLY UNION** •

We are pleased to announce that Toshiyuki Kani and Neil Christensen will be joined in Holy Union on **Saturday, August 7th at 3:00pm** at Seventh Avenue Church. They have invited all Dignity members and friends to attend their ceremony, which will be followed by a reception in the social hall. **Please RSVP to them by July 25th at abotneil@yahoo.com.**



Congratulations to Toshiyuki and Neil!

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