

## **DignityUSA's Response to the Vatican Document on Gender**

**Identity:** On 6/10, the Vatican released a document regarding gender identity, intended to help Catholics and Catholic school staff teach and talk about sexuality. The document is being widely criticized by LGBTQI Catholics, faith leaders, and others worldwide. The critical reception points out the document's failure to reflect emerging science on gender, a lack of sound theological arguments, ignorance of the lived experience of LGBTQI individuals and clear polling that shows a majority of American Catholics stand in support of the LGBTQI community. DignityUSA Executive Director, Marianne Duddy-Burke, made the following statement in response to the document: "Although presented as a call for dialogue, this statement reinforces the Vatican's entrenchment in a simplistic and outdated ideology of biological determinism. From the very title, Church leaders are perpetuating a vision of humanity that fails to respect the diversity of human experience. This document fundamentally disregards and disrespects LGBTQI people by claiming our gender identity and sexual orientation are simply 'choices.' It denies the truth of our experience of gender and sexuality as innate, God-given blessings. The Vatican's stubborn refusal to reconsider its stale vision of gender complementarity as the exclusive basis for human identity and relationships in the light of decades of contrary scientific findings and personal testimony from millions is tragic." You'll find more of Marianne's statement on the DignityUSA website. New Ways Ministry also responded with additional commentary from The Washington Post, NBC, UPI, The Daily Caller, The Boston Globe, The Windy City Times, and in radio outlets PRI and Radio.com You can follow DignityUSA's website and Facebook page for further information on this.

The Bulletin is a weekly publication of Dignity/Boston. Listings are at the discretion of the Dignity/Boston Board. The chapter does not endorse nor will be responsible for any personal views expressed in these announcements. In unusual circumstances, such as when the Governor declares a State of Emergency because of bad weather, Dignity/Boston may cancel its events, including the regular Sunday liturgy. Cancellations will be posted on our website and recorded on our voicemail message at 617-421-1915. We will email the cancellation to the listserv. Dignity/Boston is a progressive and inclusive Catholic community for people of all sexual orientations, genders and gender identities, especially gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex persons, our family, friends and supporters. Board meetings and Liturgy Committee meetings are open to all members of Dignity/Boston. Both groups meet monthly year-round. All meetings are announced in the bulletin, during announcements at the end of liturgy each Sunday, and at [www.dignityboston.org](http://www.dignityboston.org) To place an issue on the agenda for the next board meeting, please see Chris Lawrence, email [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com), or call 617-421-1915. Please leave a detailed message. For bulletin submissions, send an email to Dave Houle at [houlivan@gmail.com](mailto:houlivan@gmail.com) The Bulletin deadline is every Wednesday at 9 p.m. except during the summer when the Bulletin deadline moves to 3:00 p.m. each Wednesday.



# Dignity/Boston

*gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex Catholics & allies*

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## **June 30/July 7, 2019 Thirteenth / Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **First Reading**

**1<sup>st</sup> Kings: 19:16, 19-2 /Isaiah: 66:10-14**

### **Second Reading:**

**Galatians: 5:1, 13-18/Galatians: 6:14-18**

### **Gospel**

**Luke: 9:51-62/Luke: 10:1-12, 17-20**



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*"A commitment to love and justice demands the transformation of social structures as well as hearts." --Mary E. Hunt*

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## Our Songs: 6/30

**Gathering:** Gather Your People (sheet)

**Psalm:** You Are All We Have (505)

**Preparation:** Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory (sheet)

**Communion:** Let Us Be Bread (816)

**Sending Forth:** We Shall Not Be Silent (sheet)

*Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.*

## Our Songs: 7/7

**Gathering:** All Are Welcome (753)

**Psalm:** Let All the Earth (65—Psalm 66)

**Preparation:** Make Me A Channel of Your Peace (726)

**Communion:** Christ Be Our Light (sheet)

**Sending Forth:** World Peace Prayer (732)

*Note: Music selections may vary depending on available singers.*

## Our Liturgy

*The glass chalices contain consecrated grape juice, for those who wish to abstain from alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available as well.*

*Dignity/Boston continues to grow in awareness about gender diversity, and we recognize and welcome a spectrum of gender identities and expression. Unfortunately, our current hymnals do not reflect that well. As we strive to do a better job, we encourage you to change language as needed. We also encourage you to identify the pronouns you use on your name tag.*

*Please silence your cell phone.*

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## Our Announcements

**June's Second Collection:** The Second Collection in June raised \$530 for the Walk to Cure Arthritis. Thank you for your generosity!

**Get Us to 1,000 Likes on Facebook:** As of the Bulletin printing, we're at 922 likes on Facebook. Go to Facebook, type "Dignity Boston" in the search field. Once there, click on the "community" heading. Finally, click "invite friends to like this page" and select all your friends. Thank you for helping to get us to 1,000!

**Bulletin Change:** You will notice that the Bulletin tonight is for both our 6/30 and 7/7 liturgies. We will go back to weekly bulletins on 7/14.

**Mary of Magdala:** In just a few weeks on 7/28, Dignity celebrates the Feast of Mary of Magdala. Dignity/Boston began its annual liturgy observing the feast of Mary of Magdala in 1997, the year Future Church began the movement dedicated to "promote contemporary scholarship about Jesus' inclusive practice and to provide a place for women to serve in visible liturgical roles." Over 300 faith communities around the globe now make this feast an annual part of their liturgical calendars, committing to an annual reflection on the ways that women do – and do not – figure into our communal worship.

**Worcester Pride:** Worcester Pride recognizes, promotes, educates and unifies the Central Massachusetts LGBTQI+ community, allies, and supporters. Worcester Pride welcomes participation in and volunteers for community goals and a variety of sponsored events and celebrates those who make specific strides to enhance the visibility of Worcester's LGBTQI+ community. The Pride march, festival, block party, and dance are all on 9/7 with several events over the next couple of months that build up to that. If you're interested in representing Dignity/Boston at Worcester Pride, please see a member of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board.

**Name Tags:** You're strongly encouraged wear a name tag at liturgy. By doing this, you act as a welcoming presence to new folks in our community. By identifying your pronouns on your name tag, we show that we're a welcoming community to all, especially those who identify as transgender. Name tags are available as you enter the church.