



## **BULLETIN – February 28, 2022**

### **Lent Begins!**



Lent is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. Please join us this Wednesday (3/2) for our Ash Wednesday Share the Word at 7:00 p.m. On the following Sundays, 3/6 and 3/13, Dignity/Boston will host our Share the Word services for the first two Sundays in Lent at our normal 5:00 p.m. time via Zoom. A couple of our online socials will also focus on our personal Lenten journey which you can read about later on in this Bulletin.

## Upcoming Socials

**Thursday, March 10**

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **What is Your Sign?**



Are you a Taurus or a Sagittarius? ESFJ or INTP? Enneagram 4 or 8? Born in the year of the tiger or the dog? Is your love language “acts of service” or “word of affirmation”? Are you a Hufflepuff or a Slytherin? A Charlotte or a Miranda? These are just a few of the countless frameworks that humans have invented to understand ourselves and others: what we value, how we process emotion, how we experience the world, how we act, react, interact, live, and love. Which frameworks are

helpful for you in understanding yourself and those around you? Come to join in the discussion or just to listen - and if you have a favorite online quiz, bring it too!

Hosts: Julia S.

**Thursday, March 24 and Thursday, April 7**

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### **Lenten-focused Socials**

Please join us on these dates as our socials shift to focus on our Lenten journey. The social on 4/7 will focus on the Stations of the Cross. We will have more details in the weeks ahead.

Hosts: Janie and Bob P.

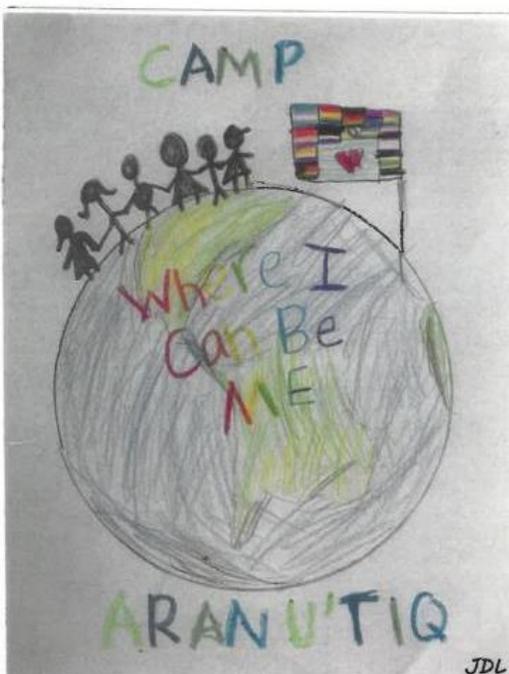
## Synod 2021 2023

DignityUSA is encouraging our members and friends to speak out on issues of importance to LGBTQI people and allies as part of the church's Global Synod going on now. We are offering three ways for you to participate: (1) if you will be participating in a parish or diocesan listening session, download the [guide](#) for doing so (2) participate in our online Listening session by registering now for the [March 24, 2022](#) (8:00 PM ET/5:00 PM PT) session (3) Submit your input [through our website](#). DignityUSA will be preparing an official report based on your input and submitting it to the Synod's General Secretary this Fall. Make sure your thoughts are included!

## Our Collections

### Thank You!

Many organizations that Dignity/Boston sends its second collection funds to share with us kind and gracious "thank you" notes. Here are just a couple of those for you to read.



Dear Christopher, Sept '21  
Thank you for your generous donation to Camp Aranu'tiq! Your gift is an investment in building confidence, resilience and community for transgender and non-binary youth and their families.

We had a wonderful summer and are already looking forward to next year.  
With sincere thanks  
Ruth Lindner



*Wow! Thank you  
for your generous  
donation and for  
helping us stay strong!*

January 13, 2022

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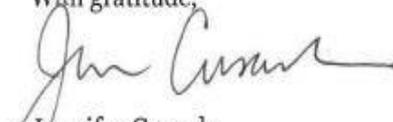
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000.00 to support St. Stephen's Youth Programs.\* Your willingness to help young people in grades K-12 and beyond from Boston's neighborhoods makes a big difference in their lives. We sincerely appreciate your partnership with us in this important work of helping young people along the road to successful adulthood. Our work simply would not be possible without your strong support.

Thanks to friends like you, our summer B-SAFE program will provide more than 700 young people with a place to learn, grow, and feel safe. During the school year, our B-READY afterschool program will support 250 young people with a focus on academics, arts and leadership. Your donation will help pay for educational materials and programming, enriching field trips and healthy meals. It will also provide 180+ teens employed with us each year with invaluable work experience as tutors and mentors. Your support also allows us to offer teens academic support and enrichment, job training, college and career preparation, and life and leadership skill training. We have seen from experience that this comprehensive support can help young people overcome obstacles to their success.

Again, thank you for all you do for our young people!

With gratitude,

  
Jennifer Cusack  
Director of Leadership Giving

\*No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation.

## **Donate Via PayPal**

You can support Dignity/Boston by sending your donations via [Pay Pal](#)! Once logged in and on the site, please select “send” and then search for “DignityBoston@gmail.com”.

## **Donate Via Mail**

You can also support Dignity and its second collections by sending donations to: Dignity/Boston, PO Box 170428, Boston, MA 02117-0408. Checks can be made payable to: Dignity/Boston. If it’s for the Second Collection of the month, write “Second Collection” on the memo line. We’ll then write just one check and will forward to the organization.

## **February Collection:**

Our Dignity/Boston February collection benefits [The Greater Boston Food Bank](#). We appreciate your considered [donation](#).

## **March Collection:**

Our March Collection benefits [Good Shepherd—Queer Camp](#). Queer Camp in Fayetteville, AR, and hosted by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, is an inclusive setting where LGBTQIA+ youth can feel safe, celebrated, loved, and valued. Your [donation](#) is greatly appreciated. In the notes field, please mention that you want the donation to go to the Queer Camp.

**Let Us Know About Your Donation:** When you donate each month, let us know by filling out the google form!

<https://forms.gle/sz55Ycd2MHQcAhg6A>

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*Please email Dave H. at [houlivan@gmail.com](mailto:houlivan@gmail.com) if you have any items that you would like to suggest for the next Bulletin (3/15/22) by Sunday, 3/13/22 at 12 Noon.*