



## **Save the Date: Listening Night**

Please plan to join us for a community listening night following our Share the Word liturgy on Sunday, 5/1. We will review and discuss recommendations from the Task Force charged with determining how we can safely restart our in-person liturgies. Watch for upcoming emails from Dignity/Boston for further information including the Task Forces' recommended guidelines.

## **Upcoming Socials**

**Thursday, April 21**

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

### **April in Paris**

Of the cities that I have visited so far, Paris is by far my favorite. I would love to share some of my favorite experiences of Paris without flooding you with statistics that you will not remember. Rather my goal is to entertain you with the wonderful things that I have encountered in this fantastic city along with the fascinating things that I have seen and learned. Bring your own thoughts and experiences about Paris or another city that has touched you!

Host: Robin

## **DignityUSA Young Adult Lenten Retreat**

Join other LGBTQI/Ally young adults for an online Lenten experience reflecting on the scriptures with author, activist and public theologian Brandan Robertson. This event is free and open to all aged 18 to 39. The new date is Sunday, 4/24 at 12Noon.

For more information and to register:

[Online Event: Dignity Young Adult Lenten Retreat | DignityUSA](#)

## DignityUSA Speaks Out on Nativity School Issue



The Nativity School of Worcester has been flying the Black Lives Matter and Pride flags for over a year. On Sunday, 4/3 the Worcester Bishop, Robert McManus, told the Jesuit school that these flags “deny our Catholic identity” and that they represent things “that stand in contract to consistent Catholic teaching.” DignityUSA disagrees and envisions a church where all are welcome—no matter one’s gender identity, sexual orientation, race, or background. Please join in standing with the Nativity School and sign our petition to support this Catholic institution by defending its symbols of welcome the LGBTQI and Black communities. Click [here](#) for the link to sign. Also, to read more about this, here is a [link to the story](#) in the National Catholic Reporter which features our DignityUSA Executive Director, Marianne Duddy-Burke.

## Gather Your Photos for Our Anniversary Display!



Dignity/Boston turns 50 this year! The Anniversary Committee asks that you start to gather those photos of past Dignity events and gatherings, along with other publications and mementos -- that might be part of a fabulous anniversary display. If you can, identify faces, dates, and places on the back of the photo. The committee wants to give you a head start, with more directions coming as plans progress.

## Executive Board Meets

The next meeting of the Dignity/Boston Executive Board is Monday, 5/2 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome! Please contact [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com) to attend.

## DignityUSA Conference

Please join us from Friday, 7/8 to Sunday, 7/10 in San Diego for DignityUSA's 25th national gathering. Be inspired by religious and social justice thought leaders and enjoy the warmth and welcome of the DignityUSA community as we celebrate our history and contemplate the role of our movement in an ever-changing world. It all starts at 9:00 a.m. PDT on 7/8. We know that many of you have registered but for those who haven't or need to finish the process, here is the link: [Registration for San Diego Conference | DignityUSA 25th National Conference](#)

## Spring Trivia Night

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPER PROGRAM'S

# SPRING TRIVIA NIGHT

an evening to build social connections and raise funds for Boston's most vulnerable residents

Saturday, May 14th

5:30-9:00pm

Arlington Street Church

351 Boylston Street, Boston, MA

Join us for food, music, and friendly competition to support FNSP!

Join us for a fun-filled evening as you enjoy a buffet of delicious finger foods and appetizers, engage in trivia, experience musical entertainment, and participate in an auction and raffles all while raising critical funds to support the Friday Night Supper Program. This event is 21+. Tickets are \$60 per person. Discounted tickets (\$40) are available for regular Friday Night Supper Program volunteers and young Professionals/students (under 30). You can register up to eight individuals for a trivia team. Visit our event [website](#) to learn more about the event and purchase tickets.

## **Dignity/Boston: Community Connection**

### **LGBTQ+ Basics and Beyond Online Training**

Many local faith communities are seeking guidance around LGBTQ+ issues. Out MetroWest is inviting those communities to this online training, *LGBTQ+ Basics and Beyond*, free of charge. It is a 90-minute training that equips participants with up-to-date vocabulary and answers frequently asked questions about LGBTQ+ inclusion and etiquette. It is geared toward adults, the training doesn't engage with specific religious doctrine; rather, it aims to give clergy, staff, and congregants tools to be welcoming and inclusive neighbors, friends, and loved ones. The training is being held **Thursday, 5/19 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Clergy, religious education teachers, lay leadership, and congregants of all backgrounds are encouraged to attend. [Pre-registration is required](#). Closed captioning will be available, and facilitators will include OUT MetroWest staff. Please email <[lily.pearl@outmetrowest.org](mailto:lily.pearl@outmetrowest.org)> if you are interested or want more information.

### **Executive Networking Night**

Boston Spirit's annual LGBT Executive Networking Night is back this year on Thursday, 4/28 at the Copley Marriott in downtown Boston. If you have not been to the event, it is an amazing night. This is the largest LGBTQI event for professionals in all of New England with over 1,000 attendees and about 50 companies/organizations exhibiting. Here is the link and more information: <http://bostonspiritmagazine.com/2021-executive-networking-night-rsvp-form/>

### **Toolkit from Fenway Health**

State lawmakers around the country are filing and voting for bills that seek to limit access to health care for transgender and gender diverse youth and ban these youth from participating in school sports. These #transyouthmatter resources can help raise awareness of the harm these bills can cause: [fenwayhealth.org/antitransbillstoolkit](https://fenwayhealth.org/antitransbillstoolkit)

## Our Collections

### 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.

### Second Collections:

For April, our second collection benefits the [Lazarus Ministry of St. Anthony Shrine](#). This ministry is open to the homeless, abandoned, and with no known next-of-kin; no matter their faith. Thank you, in advance, for your [donation](#).

**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 [dignityboston@gmail.com](mailto:dignityboston@gmail.com) if you have any items that you would like to suggest for the next Bulletin (4/30/22) by Thursday, 4/28/22 at 12 Noon.*