



DIGNITY / FORT LAUDERDALE

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President's Column

Like a healthy, needed application: the information in some articles are worth reprinting. After reading the Need Wood Column Entitled "Ain't No Call Like a Booty Call" from the Dec 13, 2012 printing of Hotspots (V 2750), I feel the two quotes from last month's December newsletter need to be reprinted. Miller advises that "Sex is one of the *best* ways of getting to know someone and it's often the initial path to lasting relationships" (emphasis, mine). Previously, he comments that getting to know someone before having sex is, for him, incomprehensible "girlfriends bull crap". Not being honest about one's "sexual adventurousness" because of image management is for Miller why gay guys are hypocrites. What comes to mind after reading Miller's advice column is a need for gay role models who can also address and include with sex advice, morality and spirituality in health gay terms. Yes, we have a sex drive and sexual desires. Along with this energy there is a need to incorporate hospitality, kindness, consideration and even love. I wonder who Miller would consider a good gay role model. I would not consider this Miller article one of them.

Here are the two quotes again that were printed in December 2012 issue of our newsletter:

"One of the most negative characteristics of frequent tricking is the inability to express actual love for another's totality as a unique human. It is impossible for sex with a person one has just met to be a thoroughly fulfilling and genuine expression of love. One cannot love someone one does not know. At most, such sex is a response to first impressions and body chemistry. This illustrates part of the difficulty that is encountered,

Upcoming Events:

Every Sunday 7:00 PM..... Liturgy
Jan 19th 5:30 PM..... Dinner & Movie
Jan 27thDeadline to purchase comedy tickets
Feb 10th 7:00 PMAnnual Couples' Blessing
Feb 13thAsh Wednesday

especially in the gay community, in discovering the proper divinely ordained function and meaning of sex. Far too often gay persons use sex as a means of introduction to a new found acquaintance. But intimacy should be initiated only between those whose feelings have drawn them together in a developing relationship of love and commitment. Anything other is not the Creator's divine intent (original), it is irresponsible sexuality."

--Source unknown, possibly Chris Glaser

As we evolve toward spiritual maturity, each of us must struggle with our sexual drive, so that, with God grace, it will cease to be a totally selfish destructive force and instead become a power integrated into our personality for the means of communicating love.

--John J McNeill, Sex as God Intended

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, JANUARY 19TH 5:30 PM

Our monthly outing will be held on Saturday, January 19th at 5:30 PM. We will meet at the California Pizza Kitchen located at 2301 N Federal Highway in Fort Lauderdale. Afterwards we will go to a movie. With the Academy Awards just announced, there will be plenty of good movies to choose from.

If you wish to go, please contact George by January 27th at GFCullen@bellsouth.net or after any Liturgy this month.

GAY COMEDIANS FOR MARCH PRIDE FEST
FRIDAY, MARCH 8th AT 8:00 PM

On Friday, March 8th at 8 PM, two of the funniest comics on the scene today bring their colorful brand of humor to Parker Playhouse for Pride Comedy Night.

Jason Stuart (The Kindergarten Cop, The Closer, George Lopez, Will & Grace) is not only one of the most prolific character actors; he's also an outrageous openly gay stand-up comedian. Stuart's material about his experiences as a single Jewish gay man living in Hollywood is original, cutting edge and just plain funny.



Festival favorite Jessica Kirson is an amazing talent who is visible at every major comedy venue across the country. She was selected to perform at Comedy Central's South Beach festival as well as at the Hamptons, Toyota, Marshall's Women in Comedy, and HBO's Las Vegas comedy festivals.

Tickets are \$31.50 plus a handling fee charged by the Parker Playhouse. If you wish to go, please contact George by January 27th at GFCullen@bellsouth.net or after any Liturgy this month.



DIGNITY FORT LAUDERDALE SHIRTS

We have found a local vendor who has digitized our two logos and we can now get shirts, caps and coffee mugs with either design. The first design is similar to our banner which is displayed at Mass each week. The second is the National logo with our name underneath it.

If you bring in any shirt new or old, polo, dress or tee, we will have it embroidered with the logo of your choice for free.

Please bring your shirt or cap this month and we will have the work down.

YEAR-ROUND MITE BOXES

We have all heard of Lenten mite boxes. During Lent, people would place their pocket change in a box at the end of each day and donate it to the poor on Easter. A couple of years ago, I decided to do it year-round. During Christmas, I empty out my mite jars (recycled spaghetti sauce jars), wrap the coins and donate it to a local charity who aids the poor. Each year, it totals about \$150.00.



Please consider having a mite box or jar this year. While we probably won't miss our pocket change, it can help relieve the suffering of the poor in our community by buying food and helping paying rent. It is also an opportunity to perform some corporal works of mercy – feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty and shelter the homeless.

Food for Thought

Homophobia – the fear that gay men are going to be treated the way they treat women and that lesbians will treat their women better than they do.

