



# DIGNITY / FORT LAUDERDALE

## THE WORD MARCH 2013

*Serving the Roman Catholic GLBT Community, its families & friends in Broward County since 1986*

### Message from the President

With Benedict's departure, ambivalence still remains.

Thomas C Fox, contributor for the National Catholic Reporter in a Feb 21 2013 article writes "For at least the last five decades, Catholic pronouncements on gay Catholic issues have been at least ambivalent and even sometimes contradictory. They have included exhortations on pastoral care and inclusively and at the same time admonitions against gay lifestyles and warnings to gay Catholic organizations.

This ambivalence has resulted from the church being torn between the pastoral nature of the Gospels and sexual code based on centuries-old understandings of natural law. Official Catholic sexual morality forbids all "unnatural" acts under penalty of grave sin. It also rests in teachings that sexual acts are to be open to biological procreation. By extension, church prelates have fought hard politically against gay rights and gay marriage."

Because Ratzinger and those of similar "ologies", repeatedly placed doctrinal enforcement over pastoral considerations, gay Catholic organizations like Dignity USA continue to offer acceptance without prejudice within the Roman Catholic culture, and speak of a message—you are not alone, to those with a GLBT "inclination" in our Church.

Andrew

<b>Upcoming Events:</b>
Every Sunday 7:00 PM..... Liturgy
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup> & Mar 10 <sup>th</sup> .....Gay Pride Weekend
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup> .....Dinner & Movie Night
Mar 31 <sup>st</sup> .....Easter
July 4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> .....Dignity USA Annual Convention

### DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT SATURDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> 5:30 PM

Our monthly outing will be held on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at PF Chang's in the Galleria Mall located at 2418 E Sunrise Blvd.



Afterwards we will see Oz, The Great and Powerful at the AMC Coral Ridge. If you plan to attend, please contact George at GFCullen@bellsouth.net or at George's new phone number – 954-822-6780.

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<b>HOMOPHOBIA:</b> A LIFESTYLE CHOICE

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**Dignity/ Fort Lauderdale Inc Membership Form**

**Suggested Dues: \$50.00**

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