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Message from the President

The new pope calls for a "culture of encounter"

In a Thursday May 23 2013 article written by staff writer [Mary Elizabeth Williams](#) for Salon, Williams offers an insight worth noting on what she understands by a culture of encounter. She writes: "The pope was not, of course, addressing the non-believers of the world in his Wednesday sermon, or trying to win them over. Instead, he was telling his Catholics about the importance of cutting outsiders slack. And it's a hugely important message for Christians to hear. It's not about being right. It's about being loving.

Francis notes that the apostles were "closed off by the idea of possessing the truth," an arrogant certainty that no one group currently has a monopoly on. Where we find each other is in practicing tolerance for our differences, and in finding the commonality of our values. "Doing good," Francis says, "is not a matter of faith."

It's not that faith, for the faithful, doesn't matter. It's that belonging to a church isn't what saves us. It's belonging to each other."

Last month, on Sunday May 26, we were visited by Delfin Bautisa of the Dignity Youth Action Committee (DYAC) who is planning to attend World Youth Day, July 23rd -28th in Rio Brazil, with seven other Dignity youth members. Pope Francis will be in attendance for this event. We wish Delfin blessings on his "culture of encounter" as he and his companions witness tolerance and acceptance of GLBTQ to other Catholic youth. World Youth Day was started by Pope John Paul II.

Upcoming Events:
Every Sunday 7:00 PM..... Liturgy
June 15th 5:30 PMDinner & Movie Night
July 4th – 7thDignity USA Annual Convention

DINNER AND MOVIE NIGHT ***SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 5:30 PM***

Our monthly outing will be held on Saturday, February 16th at 5:30 PM. We will meet at a chapter favorite, Chuck's Steak House located at 2428 E Commercial Blvd in Fort Lauderdale.



Afterwards we will go and see the new superman movie "Man of Steel". If you wish to come to dinner and/or the movie, please contact George by 3 PM on Saturday at 954-822-6780 or at the chapter's email address Dignityftl@bellsouth.net.

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