



# *DIGNITY / FORT LAUDERDALE*

## *THE WORD NOVEMBER 2012*

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

### **President's Column**

#### ***Homosexual "inclination"***

What do you prefer, to be referred to as someone with a homosexual inclination or homosexual orientation? An inclination conjures images of leaning or bending while an orientation speaks of a setting, position or direction. I was under the impression that I have a homosexual orientation. The church hierarchy and their documents prefer to use the word inclination.

Bishop Leonard Blair, bishop of Toledo Ohio, in a July 25, 2012 interview with Terry Gross on her Fresh Air NPR radio show spoke of the "compassionate, pastoral care" that has been given to people with a homosexual "inclination." He went on to say, "there's a disservice done when it's made to sound as if the church condemns homosexuals." He also made a distinction that this is "very different than insisting, then, on the claims of a gay lifestyle or gay culture, and trying to undermine the institution of marriage."

What word do you prefer, orientation or inclination? How would you rate the compassionate, pastoral care that you have received as someone with a homosexual "inclination"? Do you see a difference between an inclination and a gay lifestyle or gay culture? Does one contribute to the other? Are these distinctions important enough to think about, discuss and/or challenge?

Words like orientation or an inclination to those who do not claim a homosexual inclination or homosexual orientation can imply changeability. How changeable is your orientation or an inclination? What does this mean when it comes to "compassionate, pastoral care"?

#### ***Upcoming Events:***

- Every Sunday 7:00 PM..... Liturgy
- Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 5:30PM .....Dinner & Movie Night
- Nov 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM .....Annual Meeting/Elections
- Nov 22<sup>nd</sup> .....Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM.....Gay Men's Chorus Concert
- Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM .....Seraphic Fire Concert

#### ***DINNER & BOND – JAMES BOND SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:30 P.M.***

Our monthly dinner and movie night will be held on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. We will meet at the Peter Pan Diner located 1216 E Oakland Park Blvd.



Afterwards we will go to see the new James Bond movie, "Skyfall" at either the AMC Coral Ridge or the Gateway.

If you plan to attend, please contact George by Friday night at 954-465-3317 or GFCullen@bellsouth.net.

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Due to a lack of a quorum, the annual membership meeting has been rescheduled to Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM. It is hoped that having the meeting before Mass will be more convenient to our members. If you haven't already done so, please send in your proxy if you cannot attend. If you sent in your proxy for the original meeting, there is no need to send in a second one.

### BOARD MEETING

The board will meet on Sunday Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM at Bona Restaurant to plan our activities for the next few

### Holiday Concerts

Tickets are running out fast for this year's local Christmas concerts. Last year a group of us went to see the Christmas performances of the Gay Men's Chorus of South Florida and Seraphic Fire.



Both are holding concerts at MCC Church – GMC's "Mighty Sounds of Joy" on Friday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM (the Saturday tickets are sold out.) and Seraphic Fire's Silent Night: Candlelight Christmas on Tuesday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Tickets for the GMC are \$31 and \$55 for Seraphic Fire. Seraphic Fire is also performing Handel's Messiah at All Saints Episcopal Church for \$65 on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM. If you wish to attend, please contact George by Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 954-465-3317. That will give us time to get tickets before they are sold out.

months. A report will be given to the membership at our annual membership meeting which has been rescheduled to Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.

### MEMBERSHIP

While there is a suggested membership dues which supports DignityUSA, it is voluntary. Do not let the inability to pay dues deter you for joining Dignity. We need you more than your money. If you haven't already done so, please complete the membership form and mail it to Dignity USA.

## Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;  
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;  
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;  
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,  
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;  
bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;  
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

-Samuel F. Pugh



It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High  
~Psalm 92:1



