
DIGNITY / FORT LAUDERDALE INC. The Word

Serving the Catholic GLBT Community, their families & friends in Broward & Miami-Dade Counties...AUGUST, 2005

Message from the Board:

Dignity/Ft Lauderdale members Dick Rogers, Bill Mullins, Liz Baker, Mary Sullivan, Vince Voorheis, Len LaCroix, Vic Yorio, Nick Caputo, John McNeill, Charlie Chiarelli and Bill Weber represented our chapter at Dignity/USA's 36th Biennial Convention held in Philadelphia, PA from July 7th through July 10th. The convention was held at the Lowe's Hotel which is centrally located in the central business district and close the city's gay district. The Lowe's Hotel was a former bank and maintains much of the former bank's features, i.e., the large vault and windows and original marble works.

Approximately 300 conventioners arrived filled with excitement and hope. Those who have attended past conventions looked forward to renewing friendships, visiting with members from other chapters.

Bill and Dick were the first to arrive on Thursday July 7th and participated in a ten block procession with Dignity/USA officers and members from the hotel to the St Peter and Paul Cathedral to hold "Dignity USA Witness" with prayers, readings and candle lighting and hymns with officers and members. Dick Rogers and Bill Mullins proudly carried the Dignity/Ft Lauderdale Banner at the opening ceremonies.

Chapter members were impressed with John McNeill's documentary "Uncommon Jesuit." Bishop V. Eugene Robinson, the first gay Episcopal Church Bishop, shared that all of us "...stand on the shoulders of those who went before, and mine (John McNeill's) were the shoulders he stands upon."

Stay tuned for continued insights and comments in next month's Newsletter.

Chapter's Events

Every Sunday at 7:30 PM.....	Liturgy
Aug 7 th 6 PM	Board Meeting
Aug 14 th 7 PM	Home Social
Aug 19 - Aug 21.....	Palm Beach Retreat
Aug 20 th 6PM	Dinner & Movie

DIGNITY/ PALM BEACH RETREAT

Dignity/ Palm Beach will be holding a retreat on the third weekend in August, Friday August 19th through Sunday, August 21st at The Cenacle in Lantana in Palm Beach County. The retreat will be run by a priest and nun. The cost is \$160.00 per person and includes accommodations in private single bedrooms with adjoining shared baths. Some double rooms may be available if reserved in advance. Reservations should be made as soon as possible with payment made no later than August 12th,

To make reservations or for more information, please contact Al Levy at 561-309-0088 or via email at netalfred@netzero.net.

The schedule will be

August 19, Friday

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Arrivals
7:00 p.m.	Light Supper
8:00 p.m.	Welcome - Library
Opening Conference	Loving What God Loves

August 20, Saturday

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Conference - "Life Cycle Components"
1:00 p.m.	Lunch
Followed by Spiritual Visits, Massage, Labyrinth, Journaling, Resting	
3:30 p.m.	Conference - "Managing a change in your life"
5:00 p.m.	Eucharist

