
DIGNITY / FORT LAUDERDALE INC. The Word

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Serving the Roman Catholic GLBT Community, its families & friends in Broward & Miami-Dade Counties since 1986

From the President:

It's Easter – Now What?

This month, we celebrate Christ's resurrection. Some of people will go out with friends for Easter dinner, some will venture off for their semi-annual visit to church and others will nothing special.

How we celebrate Easter, I guess, depends on what the day means to each person. If Lent has been used as a time of reflection and prayer, then Easter will more than likely bring a feeling of hope and joy. Forty days of reflection on our lives and the gospels will usually bring some change in a person's life. There is a saying that an unexamined life is not worth living. Most New Age and self-help books emphasize self-reflection to live a more fulfilling life. Self-reflection can be a daunting task –one we would rather not face if we can avoid it. (And a lot of time we do!) But the benefits of such reflection are well worth any initial discomfort.

If you didn't have the time on the inclination to do it during lent, there is always the forty days of Easter that lead up to Ascension Thursday.

On behalf of the board, I want to wish all of our members and friends a Happy and Holy Easter season.

Please note that effective immediately the chapter's new email address is DignityFTL@bellsouth.net.

Chapter's Events

Every Sunday 7:30 PM..... Liturgy
March 15th 6:00 PMDinner & Movie Night
March 23rdEaster Sunday
March 30th 7:30 PMMemorial for Vic Yorio
June 21st 8:00 PMGay Men's Chorus

VIC YORIO MEMORIAL MASS

As most of our members and friends know, Victor Yorio, a past president and member of our chapter died on February 7th. During the time of Vic's first term as president, the chapter saw a burst in its membership due to he unceasing networking with other groups and outreach.

On February 13th, about 17 members and friends from Dignity attended Vic's Mass of the Resurrection at St Gregory's in Pompano. I was touched that so many people were able to attend on less than 24 hours notice. I am sure Vic's children and sisters were touch by your kindness.

We will have a memorial mass for Vic on March 30th to celebrate his life. I am hope all will be able to attend.

DINNER & MOVIE NIGHT

On Saturday, March 15th, we will hold our monthly dinner & movie night at Lotus Kitchen on 26th Street in Wilton Manors. It is in the same shopping center as The Old Floridian and the 26th street Theater and a block from Stork's Café. We will meet at 6:00 PM and chose what movie will see.

You do not have to be a member to join us for a night of fun. And you do not have to attend both

the dinner and the movie. Some people opt for one or the other. If you plan to attend, please contact George Cullen at 954-739-0003. George will call you on Saturday morning with the exact time that we will meet at Lotus Kitchen.

JUNE GAY MEN'S CHORUS CONCERT

Some members have expressed interest in attending the June Gay Men's Chorus concert. Their June concert is entitled "Rockin' with the Rhythm" and will be held on Saturday, June 21st at 8:00 PM. Since their last few concerts have sold out, we will be buying tickets at the end of this month. Tickets range from \$20 - \$40. We will try to obtain the \$20 tickets.

If you plan to attend, please contact George at 954-739-0003 so we can buy tickets as soon as possible. We will go to dinner before the concert. The concert will take the place of our June movie and dinner night.

THANKS, JOE

We would like to thank Joe Mele who hosted 14 members and friends for our February social. Joe went all out with lasagna, steaks and fantastic desserts. Thanks Joe for your support in building our community.

AN EASTER PRAYER

Lord, You have arisen forever in my heart!
May the sunrise remind me to shine in Your light.
May the caress of a gentle breeze remind me of
Your compassion.
May the fragrance of a flower remind me to
blossom in Your love.
May the singing of birds bring a song of joy to my
lips.
And in the closing of each day, may I remember
to quietly pray.
*Wherever I am, whatever I do may my thoughts in
joy return to You!*

Prayer by Susan Kramer

EASTER HUMOR: TOP TEN LIST FOR CELEBRATING EASTER SUNDAY

10. You absolutely love the movie, "The Ten Commandments."
9. You really, really look good in yellow.
8. You just went on a low cholesterol diet and don't want to waste all the eggs in your refrigerator.
7. You figure any holiday that starts with a "Good Friday" can't be all bad.
6. You love to bite the heads off of chocolate bunnies.
5. It's time to check out your neighborhood church and not be noticed
4. You have this bunny suit you love to wear but are too insecure to wear it without a reason.
3. Even though you don't know what it is, you really like the sound of going to a "Passion Play."
2. You figured since Jesus went through all THAT trouble to make it to the first Easter, you'd give it a shot.

And the number one reason to celebrate Easter Sunday is:

As a Christian, you celebrate the resurrection each day, why not Easter too?

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TAKE A MINUTE TO JOIN DIGNITY!

Last year, Dignity USA initiated cost-saving measures to keep the organization viable. Now it's our turn. Dignity is the only voice for the Catholic GLBT Community. Please consider joining Dignity with your tax-deductible fee. Just complete the application below and mail it and your check for \$50.00 to the address on the membership form.

If you are already a member, please consider making an additional donation.

We wish to thank all of our members who are current with their dues and to all members and friends who have been generous each Sunday during the collection.



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