



Archives and Records

Finding Aid

COLLECTION NUMBER: Coll. 31

TITLE: Dignity Boston Collection

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Creator(s): Various
Title: Dignity Boston Collection
Extent: 1.5 Linear Feet
Date Span: 1982 – 1997 (Bulk 1995-1997)
Repository: The History Project, Archives and Records Department

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SUBJECT TERMS

Subject Topics:

Churches – Gay
Religion – Gay
Religious Life - Gay

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Dignity Boston was founded in 1972 as a local chapter of Dignity/USA, which started in Los Angeles in 1969, first as a counseling group, then a support group for LGBTQ Catholics. Dignity/USA has been a national independent nonprofit organization since 1973. The

members of Dignity provide spiritual support, church services, and social activities for LGBT Catholics.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection consists of 2 boxes. Most of the materials are administrative in nature pertaining to the organization and administration of Dignity Boston including; board minutes, sub-committee minutes and programming, events and a small group of Sunday service bulletins. What this collection does not contain is membership rosters, or financial documents. There is a small collection of Dignity Boston Newsletter which changed its name to Chapter and Verse during the summer of 1996. (Folder is listed as Chapter and Verse)

There are a limited number of photographs of Dignity members at a couple of social functions for the regional organization, Dignity Massachusetts, plus a Board of Directors photo circa 1994/1995, which can be found in Series III: Events and Programs. Series V consists of materials relating to Dignity/USA including, their newsletter *Dateline*, and programming information on their national conferences.

SERIES AND FOLDER LIST

Box 1

Series 1: Administrative

- Folder 1: Stationary
- Folder 2: Office Space and Lease, 1995
- Folder 3: Office Schedules and Calendars, 1996-1997
- Folder 4: Advertising and Logos
- Folder 5: Community Survey, 1984
- Folder 6: Pilot Advertising Controversy, 1996
- Folder 7: Correspondence, 1977-1997

Series 2: Boards and Committees

- Folder 8: By-Laws and Constitution, 1982
- Folder 9: Dignity New England Regional Meeting, 1995-1997
- Folder 10: Executive Board Meetings, 1996
- Folder 11: Executive Board Meetings, 1997
- Folder 12: Board Handbook, 1997
- Folder 13: Candidate's Statements, 1983-1996
- Folder 14: Dignity Stage II Report, n.d.
- Folder 15: Board Meetings, 1994
- Folder 16: Board Meetings, 1995
- Folder 17: Board Meetings, 1996
- Folder 18: Committee Structure, 1995
- Folder 19: Communications Committee, 1993-1995
- Folder 20: Liturgy Committee, 1995-1996
- Folder 21: Music Committee, n.d.
- Folder 22: Peace and Justice Committee: LGBT Student Rights Bill, 1993
- Folder 23: Peace and Justice Committee: Youth Outreach, 1996-1997
- Folder 24: Spiritual Life Committee, 1997
- Folder 25: Space Committee, 1994-1995

Series III: Events and Programs.

- Folder 26: Thirteenth Anniversary Homily, 1985
- Folder 27: Twenty-First Anniversary Liturgy, 1993
- Folder 28: Twenty-Fourth Anniversary Liturgy, 1996
- Folder 29: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, n.d.
- Folder 30: Service Bulletins, 1997
- Folder 31: Union and Commitment Ceremonies, 1994
- Folder 32: Solidarity Sundays, 1995-1997
- Folder 33: Community Christmas Carols, n.d.
- Folder 34: St. Patrick's Day, 1996
- Folder 35: Photos: Merrimack Valley Regional Event, 1982
- Folder 36: Community Meeting on Domestic Violence, 1996
- Folder 37: Community Service Awards, 1996
- Folder 38: Dignity Boston 25th Anniversary, 1997
- Folder 39: Holiday Party, 1997
- Folder 40: Stonewall 25, 1994
- Folder 41: Posters and Flyers, 1979-1996

Series IV: Publications and News Clippings

- Folder 42: Chapter and Verse, 1993-1998
- Folder 43: Dignity Washington Newsmonthly, 1997
- Folder 44: Dignity Merrimack Valley Newsletter, 1982
- Folder 45: National Catholic Reporter, 1994
- Folder 46: Religion and Spirituality Bibliography, n.d.
- Folder 47: Letter to the Bishops...Pastoral Care of the Homosexual Person, 1986
- Folder 48: Pamphlets, 1991-1997
- Folder 49: Theological Pastoral Care, 1985
- Folder 50: Homosexual Catholics: A New Primer, 1982
- Folder 51: Twenty Years with Dignity, 1992
- Folder 52: Roots of the Mass, 1981
- Folder 53: A Scan of Boston's LGBT Communities: Boston Foundation, n.d.
- Folder 54: Church Renewal Directory, 1998
- Folder 55: Newspaper Clippings, 1979-1997

Box 2**Series V: Dignity/USA**

- Folder 1: Dateline Newsletter, 1993-1997
- Folder 2: Journal, 1993-1998
- Folder 3: Dignity/USA Convention, 1991
- Folder 4: Dignity/USA Convention, 1993
- Folder 5: Dignity/USA Convention, 1995
- Folder 6a: Dignity/USA Convention, 1997
- Folder 6b: Dignity/USA Convention, 1997
- Folder 7: House of Delegates Meeting, 1997
- Folder 8: Dignity/USA 25 A Chronology, 1969-1994
- Folder 9: Couples Ministry: Resource Guide, 1997
- Folder 10: Dignity/USA Administrative

Series VI: Oversize Materials

- Folder 11: Advertising Logo