

Dignity/Houston, Inc.

Core Values

Through our **Mission**, we live out our **Core Values**:

- **LGBTQ+ orientation and lifestyle.** We value the remarkable strength that the LGBTQ+ orientation and lifestyle brings to the world as a shining and integral part of God's plan.
- **Catholicism.** We value the *Catholicism* which has carried, through many a mistake and wrong turn, the message of Jesus through 2,000 years. We understand that, through those 20 Centuries, the Church has made many egregious errors and, that as part of the Body of Christ, it is our responsibility to help the Church discover the message of the Holy Spirit.
- **Dialog and Debate.** We value vigorous *dialog and debate*, the mechanism used by human beings, both in the Catholic Church and elsewhere, to generate new ideas, clarify existing beliefs, and discover the path set before us by the Holy Spirit.
- **All Are Welcome.** We value the concept of *all are welcome* as the way to achieve the kind of peace and freedom necessary for true and honest dialog and debate. The breath of the Holy Spirit requires a welcoming community.
- **Community.** We value the spirit of *community*. As Jesus taught us, community is much more than simple attendance at a meeting or service. It involves taking responsibility for others in our community, as well as ourselves.
- **Advocacy.** We value *advocacy* as a means to bring the message of Jesus as we have discovered it to the larger community in which we exist. That does not mean that we attempt to convert people to Catholicism or recruit them to the LGBTQ+ lifestyle. It does mean that we help them understand our ethics and our journey.

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