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## DignityHouston

### Sing a New Church



## From the President

You've probably heard already! DignityHouston is undergoing some fantastic changes. I'm your new President, and I'll do everything I can to keep you informed. You've got a new, interim Board of Trustees. There's some familiar faces doing all kinds of new things. They are:

- Larry E. Lutz, President
- George Wetzell, Vice-President
- Frank A., Secretary
- Brent C., Treasurer
- Phil H., Member-At-Large
- Kathy J., Adjunct

Notice that I said *interim*. We have our Annual Meeting coming up in September. That's when you will elect the full-term members to carry all of us on into the future. You can expect some of these Board members to be candidates but don't be surprised if there aren't some new faces as well. Stay tuned for more on the Annual Meeting as we make our way through another long Houston summer!

And don't forget! You can find all the latest information on our [Web site](#).

## A schedule that's easy to remember

After a brief sojourn with a variety of activities, we're back to schedule you know so well. That's right, you can come by for our lay-led Mass every Saturday at the Montrose Center, 401 Branard St., Rm. 114, Houston, TX 77006.

No more scratching your head and wondering what's going on this weekend.

We made that easier just for you. Now, will we see you on those Saturdays?



## Getting ready for the Annual Meeting

**Don't forget!** In order to vote at the Annual Meeting, you must have been a dues paying member of DignityUSA 30 days before the Annual Meeting. We haven't scheduled the date in September for the Annual Meeting, so try get your membership up-to-date by August 1st. You also need to name DignityHouston as your local Chapter.



If you need to join, you can register online at [DignityUSA.org](http://DignityUSA.org). Or pick up a membership application at any of our services, and mail it in. Or leave us a voicemail at (832) 390-4453.

If you know someone you'd like to nominate for a Board position on your Board of Trustees, send us an email with their name, phone number, email address, and

a brief explanation of why you think they'd make a good Board member. Remember! They have to be a paid member of DignityUSA and DignityHouston, and they must agree to accept the nomination. Of course, you can nominate yourself.



## Add your voice to the music

Laura has graciously agreed to provide us with her guitar music for our services. Her strings add some twinkle to those old hymns! Together with Laura, we'll sing some familiar songs and learn some new ones as well. Come by a little early for services, say around 5:00 pm, and join in on the rehearsals. Who can beat the comradery of everyone making fools of themselves as they learn new songs. You just got to be a part of this!

What about Marlin, you ask? Well, Marlin has had a lot going on in his life this summer, and we all wish him well on that. He's said we can expect him back this fall after he gets settled in.

## Gay Pride Celebration

Make a point of dropping by our booth at the 2015 Houston Gay Pride Festival. It's June 27th downtown, where the Parade began years ago. Your booth at the festival will be on McKinney Street between City Hall and the Houston Public Library. We'll be open from 12:00 noon 'til 7:00 pm so drop by and visit under our shade.

If you'd like to help out at the booth, we'd love to have you. Just talk with one of our members at any service or leave us a message at (832) 390-4453. Or send us an email at [dignityhouston@outlook.com](mailto:dignityhouston@outlook.com).



## Jesus doesn't discriminate

Everyone knows that DignityHouston members are some of the best-informed people around. Some other folks out there have been living under a rock and don't know that the decision on marriage equality is going to come down in late June. For Texans, the decision will have enormous impact.



Your Board of Trustees wants to keep you totally informed on this subject. We'll be sending you a flyer on the benefits of same-sex marriage and on churches that will perform same-sex weddings. (Don't expect Catholic Churches to be among them.)

We've got our press releases all ready to send out, regardless of which way the decision goes (and it just has to be positive). So look for us on the news.

## You talk; we listen

Please take a moment to complete a brief, five-question survey about our Mass and services. We're always interested in making the services better. Just click [survey](#) to get started.

**Fortunate Families**  
Catholic Parents of LGBT Children



**Catholic Moms of  
LGBT Sons and**

## **Daughters**

*If you are feeling isolated, confused, frustrated, hurt and perhaps even a bit angry ...  
If you lie awake nights wondering what you might do to persuade Church leaders to get  
to know our LGBT children as the whole and holy children of God they are ...  
... we invite you to gather with other Catholic mothers of lesbian, gay, bisexual,  
transgender daughters and sons*

**Saturday, July 11 from 12n to 4pm  
in the Sugar Land/Houston area**

*to pray, share, learn, build community and imagine a better church and world for our  
LGBT children.*

The exact location of our gathering will be shared later with those who pre-register for the event. Lunch will be provided.

*This gathering is free, but you must register by July 3.*

For more information, or to obtain a registration form, email  
[info@fortunatefamilies.com](mailto:info@fortunatefamilies.com) or call us at (518) 694-5508.

<http://fortunatefamilies.com/>

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