




**“Dignity is more than Sunday Mass.”**



At Dignity/Chicago, we focus our efforts on being an organization for GLBT Catholics; we celebrate our sexuality as loving, life-giving and life-affirming and minister to our community through:

-  Leadership & Advocacy
-  Liturgy
-  Spiritual Growth

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## **Dignity/Chicago**



**Programs**



**Progressive in thought  
Affirming in action**

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## The Dignity/ Chicago chapter serves our community through these local and national programs.

### Leadership and Advocacy

These activities are sponsored by this ministry.

- ✚ Provide educational materials, speakers, and other resources to Catholic parishes, gay ministries and other interested groups.
- ✚ Maintain ongoing dialogue with Catholic bishops and other Church leaders.
- ✚ Represent gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Catholics in the media.
- ✚ Present positive testimony from a Catholic perspective on civil rights legislation.
- ✚ Support a HIV ministry.
- ✚ Support Chicago Pride weekend.
- ✚ Represent Dignity at Halsted MarketDays.
- ✚ Actively participate in the key activities of our Alliance partners including:
  - Call To Action (CTA USA and Chicagoland) - National Conference
  - Lakeview Coalition of Welcoming Churches - LCWC
  - Marin Foundation

### Liturgy

#### Weekly Mass

The chapter conducts a weekly Roman Catholic Mass, with a celebration of the Eucharist, every Sunday. We meet at Broadway United Methodist Church (UMC) at 5 PM.

Location information:

Broadway UMC  
3344 N Broadway St.  
Chicago, IL 60657

In cooperation with our Leadership and Advocacy ministry, each year we observe our national anti violence initiative - Solidarity Sunday on National Coming Out Day; it is always the Sunday before Oct. 11.

Worship and Liturgy at Dignity includes:

- ✚ A weekly Mass, with Eucharist; presided by an ordained Catholic Priest;
- ✚ A Couple's Ministry – Help members prepare for union ceremonies and weddings;
- ✚ A Liturgical music ministry managed by a paid music Director and
- ✚ A social hour after Mass.

For a complete list of current activities, see the calendar section of our website.

### Spiritual Growth

#### Retreats

Our chapter sponsors two retreats each year, typically one in the spring and one in the fall.

#### Lenten Soup Suppers

Chapter members and friends are invited to meet each Wednesday during Lent to reflect on a selected theme for the season.

### Other Services

Dignity/Chicago also:

- ✚ Publishes a monthly newsletter.
- ✚ Actively supports for our DignityUSA biannual National Convention and off year regional meetings.
- ✚ Maintains an active Defenders chapter. The Defenders is a club for individuals who value and wish to celebrate both their leather "lifestyle" and their Christian spirituality.
- ✚ Sponsors Leadership training activities for current and future DignityUSA and Dignity/Chicago leaders.
- ✚ Maintains a chapter Endowment Fund. Ask a leadership team member for a list of current goals and objectives for this fund.