



MG 613 – Don McGuire fonds.

Dates: nd, 1981-2015 (inclusive)

Extent: 5 cm of textual records, memorabilia.

Biographical Note: Don McGuire has been an advocate for the LGBTQ community in Regina, and nationally. As a practicing Catholic, McGuire has been particularly strong advocating within the Catholic church; and has also been active within Dignity Canada Dignité, “an organization of Gay Catholic men and women and other concerned people” providing a “positive communal ministry to gay people.”

Scope and Content: This fonds contains materials relating to the history and work of Dignity Canada Dignité, McGuire’s published letters and other correspondence, together with articles and materials outlining the debate within the Catholic church (echoed within other Christian denominations) regarding homosexuality.

Arrangement: This fonds has been arranged into 4 series:

1. Articles – General
2. Correspondence
3. Dignity Canada Dignité
4. Letters to the Editor

Restrictions: Some restrictions apply. Please consult with an archivist.

Title based on provenance.

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Series 1: Articles - General

1. *Bondings*. – 2001.
Vol. 22, no. 1 – “a publication of New Ways Ministry,” from Mount Rainier, Maryland.
2. Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith: Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons. – 1986, 2005.
Full letter as published, together with synthesis; submitted by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger and Alberto Bovone. A later note from Don McGuire relates to Joseph Ratzinger’s installation as Pope Benedict XVI.
3. *Our Family / Fidelity*. – 1986-1987.
Our Family, a Catholic magazine that was published by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Battleford, Saskatchewan, published “A Psychoanalytic Look at Homosexuality and AIDS,” an article referring to homosexuality as perversion; and “Requiem for a Magazine: The Sodomization of the Catholic Press in Saskatchewan,” an article from *Fidelity* magazine, an American publication established in 1981, later renamed *Culture Wars*.

Series 2: Correspondence

1. Bohan, Archbishop Daniel J. – 2013.
Concerning the need for the church to “reach out to LGBT people in a positive way,” and requesting suggestions from McGuire.
2. Halpin, Archbishop Charles A. – 1992-1993.
Includes a fax regarding the proposed amendments to the Saskatchewan human rights code, concerning sexual orientation.

Series 3: Dignity Canada Dignité

1. Dignity Canada. – nd, 1997.
Statement of position and purpose; newsletter from Dignity Toronto Dignité; and three brochures – “Gay and Lesbian Catholics: Our place in the Church;” “Is AIDS God’s Wrath?” (reproduced from AIDS InterFaith Network, San Francisco); and “Stop Homophobia in the Churches,” produced by the Student Christian Movement of Canada.
2. Dignity Regina. – nd, 1988. – textual records, memorabilia.
Correspondence regarding the formation of an ecumenical worship and fellowship (Koinonia); letter in response to an article in *The New Freeman*; and a letter to the board chair, Regina Catholic Schools. McGuire authored / signed these on behalf of Dignity Regina. Includes McGuire’s name tag for the 3rd national congress.
3. Dignity USA. – 1985. – textual records, memorabilia.

Nametag for the Seventh Biennial Dignity Convention, New York; together with a note from McGuire regarding the establishment of Dignity Canada (previously, a region under Dignity USA).

4. Dignity USA – History. – 1981.
“A Brief history of Dignity,” by Jim Highland.
5. National Annual Meeting - Regina. – 1996. – **RESTRICTED**.
Materials relating to the House of Delegates General Meeting, including welcome messages from MLA Joanne Crofford and Mayor Doug Archer; obituary for Father Michael Austin McDonald, national chaplain for Dignity; list of delegates; minutes and financial statements, conference schedule, etc. Also included are Dignity Regina’s annual report for 1995-1995, and Dignity Regina and Koinonia [Koinonia was the ecumenical group worship establish in Regina ca. 1988 – see above, Dignity Regina].
6. National Annual Meeting – Windsor-Detroit. – 1997.
Materials relating to the House of Delegates General Meeting, including minutes, financial statements, delegates, etc.

Series 4: Letters to the Editor

This series primarily reflects Don McGuire’s public advocacy, particularly through his letters published in the *Prairie Messenger*, a Catholic journal for the Canadian prairie region, offering “opportunity for dialogue and discussion,” while acknowledging “disagreement, dissent and diversity will accompany [any human efforts] to reflect the unity” of Christian believers. The *Messenger* was also known for its “traditional concern for social justice,” and frequently reflected “economic, political and social processes in the light of the Gospel and of the teachings of the church.” [quotations from the Prairie Messenger website, www.pariemessenger.ca/about_us.html]

1. *Leader Post* [Regina]. – nd, 1987-2016.
Includes an article (and photo of McGuire) regarding the AIDS Regina hotline.
2. *Prairie Messenger* [Muenster, Sk.]. – nd, 1993-2015.
Includes an article by Eugene Kennedy.
3. Unpublished. – 1999, 2005.
These letters, written by McGuire, were never published; and are believed to have been sent to the *Prairie Messenger*.