

# registration form

August 8-10, 2008

## facilitator

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Frank has published articles and book reviews on religious and secular themes in *Commonweal*, the *Maryland English Journal*, *The National Catholic Reporter*, and *The American Catholic*. He has been a speaker for various organizations, presented scholarly papers at universities, and delivered a keynote presentation at the Conference on Religion and Homosexuality at the first World Pride Week in Rome, in July 2000. Previously, Frank was a reporter/youth editor for the Brooklyn diocesan newspaper, *The Tablet*, an editorial assistant at the Quixote Center, and a professional writing instructor and Director of the Writing Center at the University of Maryland.

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Registration fee includes materials, overnight accommodations on Friday and Saturday; meals from Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch.

Scholarships are available. To apply, contact New Ways Ministry in writing and state need for scholarship by July 9, 2008.

Registration Fee: \$165 (before July 11th)  
\$180 (after July 11th)

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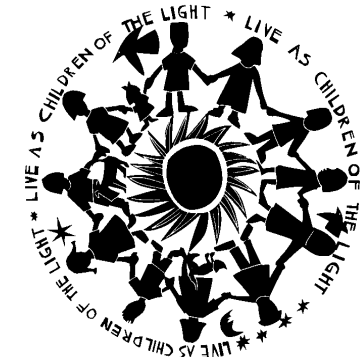
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## Next Steps:

Developing Catholic  
Lesbian/Gay Ministry



For all interested in lesbian/gay ministry, including pastoral ministers and leaders of Catholic institutions

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# Next Steps:



## Developing Catholic Lesbian/Gay Ministry

### Description

-How can Catholic communities respond compassionately and faithfully to the gifts, needs, and life experiences of lesbian/gay people and their families?

-What skills, knowledge, and talents are needed to address lesbian/gay issues in Catholic environments?

-What role can pastoral leaders play in building bridges between faith communities and those who feel alienated and ostracized because of sexual orientation issues?

This weekend of prayer, presentations, dialogue, and planning is designed to assist those seeking ways to include lesbian/gay people and issues in their home parishes, schools, or other ministerial settings.

All interested in learning to develop lesbian/gay ministry programs are invited to participate. If you don't have a program, come to learn how to initiate one. If you have already begun a program, come to develop the next steps. No prerequisite knowledge or experience is needed other than a willingness to listen, reflect, and share.

Through discussions, presentations, and guided writing exercises, participants will develop ideas into a pastoral plan of realistic ideas and feasible actions to put into practice in the weeks and months following the weekend. New Ways Ministry staff will support participants in this process and will also be available for follow-up consultation after the weekend.

### Schedule

#### Friday, August 8th

- 6:00 pm Registration
- 7:00 pm "The Call to Lesbian/Gay Ministry"
- 8:00 pm Reflection: "Experiencing the Call"
- 8:30 pm Small Group Discussion
- 9:00 pm Evening Prayer
- 9:30 pm Social

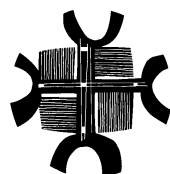
#### Saturday, August 9th

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:15 am Morning Prayer
- 9:45 am "The Call of the Church for Lesbian/Gay Ministry"
- 10:15 am Reflection Time: "How can my faith community respond to this call?"
- 11:00 am Small Group Planning
- 11:30 am Large Group Reporting
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:30 pm "Lesbian/Gay Development and Spirituality: Gifts and Struggles"

- 2:00 pm Reflection Time: "How can my faith community incorporate these gifts and struggles into its life?"
- 2:30 pm Small Group Planning
- 3:00 pm Large Group Reporting
- 3:30 pm Break
- 4:00 pm Eucharist
- 5:00 pm Supper
- 7:00 pm "Developing a Pastoral Plan for Lesbian/Gay Ministry"
- 7:30 pm Reflection Time: "Brainstorming ideas for local ministry"
- 8:00 pm Small Group Planning
- 9:00 pm Social

#### Sunday, August 10th

- 8:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am Morning Prayer
- 9:30 am Reflection Time: Refining the Pastoral Plan
- 11:00 am Presentation of Pastoral Plans
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm Departure



-A small library of books, articles, videos, and other resources will be available during the weekend to use for reference.

-Participants may want to bring a laptop computer to the program to write their pastoral plan, but they are not required.