

Registration Form

Name

Street Address

City, State, ZIP

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Please check the workshop location you wish to attend:

- Eureka, MO (Oct. 17-19, 2008)
- St. Paul, MN (Nov. 14-16, 2008)
- St. Leo, FL (Jan. 23-25, 2009)
- St. David, AZ (Feb. 20-22, 2009)
- Tiffin, OH (May 1-3, 2009)
- Baton Rouge, LA (Aug. 7-9, 2009)

Registration Fee:

\$175 (more than 4 weeks prior to workshop)

\$190 (less than 4 weeks prior to workshop)

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

Scholarships:

To apply, contact New Ways Ministry in writing at least four weeks prior to workshop you wish to attend.

Make checks payable to New Ways Ministry and send with registration form to:

New Ways Ministry
4012 29th Street
Mount Rainier, MD 20712

To use a credit card, call 301-277-5674 or see www.NewWaysMinistry.org.

Facilitators

Francis DeBernardo is the Executive Director of New Ways Ministry. He has an MA in Rhetoric and Composition from the University of Maryland, has published articles and book reviews on religious and secular themes, and presented scholarly papers at universities and various organizations. He delivered a keynote presentation at the Conference on Religion and Homosexuality at the first World Pride Week in Rome, in July 2000.



Matthew Myers is a full-time staff associate. He earned his undergraduate degree in philosophy at John Carroll University in Cleveland and served as an Ameri-corps volunteer at the Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition (TASSC). Matt is pursuing graduate studies in pastoral theology at the Washington Theological Union.



About New Ways Ministry

New Ways Ministry is a national Catholic organization providing a bridge-building ministry of reconciliation and justice for gay and lesbian persons, their families, friends, and the Church.

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Next Steps: Developing Catholic Lesbian/Gay Ministry

*For pastoral ministers,
Catholic leaders,
and all interested in
lesbian/gay ministry.*



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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

6:00 pm Registration
7:00 pm "The Call to Lesbian/Gay Ministry"
7:45 pm Reflection: "Experiencing the Call"
8:15 pm Large Group Discussion
9:00 pm Evening Prayer
9:30 pm Social

Saturday

8:00 am Breakfast
9:15 am Morning Prayer
9:45 am "The Call of the Church for Lesbian/Gay Ministry"
10:45 am Reflection Time: "How can my faith community respond to this call?"
11:15 am Small Group Planning
12:00 pm Lunch
1:30 pm "Lesbian/Gay Development and Spirituality: Gifts and Struggles"
2:30 pm Small Group Planning
3:15 pm Break
4:00 pm Constructing a Pastoral Plan
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Evening Prayer
7:30 pm Film, Discussion Groups
9:00 pm Social

Sunday

8:00 am Breakfast
9:30 am Presentation of Pastoral Plans
11:00 am Liturgy
12:00 pm Departure

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

Dates and Locations

October 17-19, 2008

Marianist Retreat Center
4000 Highway 109
Eureka, MO 63025 (near St. Louis)

November 14-16, 2008

St. Paul's Monastery
2675 Larpenteur Avenue East
St. Paul, MN 55109-5097

January 23-25, 2009

St. Leo Abbey Retreat Center
33601 State Road 52
St. Leo, Florida 33574 (near Tampa)

February 20-22, 2009

Tolomei Retreat Center
Holy Trinity Monastery
Highway 80 (mileposts 302 and 303)
St. David, Arizona 85630 (near Tucson)

May 1-3, 2009

St. Francis Spirituality Center
200 St. Francis Avenue
Tiffin, OH 44883 (near Toledo)

August 7-9, 2009

Bishop Robert E. Tracy Center
1850 South Acadian Thruway
Baton Rouge, LA 70808-1663