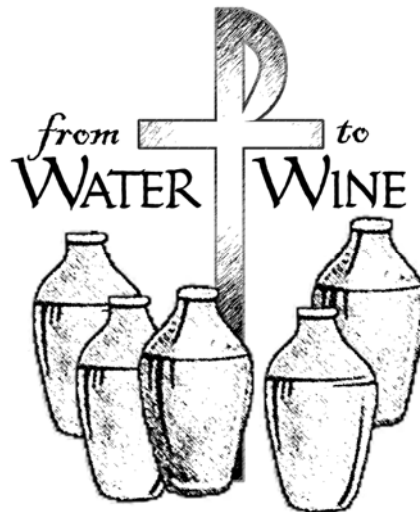


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## ■ Plenary Session Speakers ■



Luke Timothy Johnson

### *Doing the Truth in Love: Eros, Relationships, and the Communion of Saints*

**LUKE TIMOTHY JOHNSON** is a Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta. He has written 27 books and hundreds of scholarly and popular articles and reviews. His rebuttal of the Jesus Seminar in 1996 sparked a national discussion and made the cover of *Time*, *Newsweek*, and *U.S. News & World Report*.

### *Faithful Sexual Relationships and Marriage*

**PATRICIA BEATTIE JUNG** is a Professor of Christian Ethics at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, MO. Since 2006, she has served as co-editor of the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics*. Among her books are: *Heterosexism: An Ethical Challenge* and *Sexual Diversity and Catholicism: Toward the Development of Moral Theology*.



Patricia Beattie Jung



Bishop Geoffrey Robinson

### *Sexual Relationships: Where Does Our Morality Come From?*

**BISHOP GEOFFREY ROBINSON** has been a parish priest, a teacher of canon law, president of the Canon Law Society of Australia and New Zealand, Chief Justice of the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal, and Chairman of the Catholic Education Commission of New South Wales. After his retirement as an auxiliary bishop of Sydney, he wrote *Confronting Power and Sex in the Catholic Church: Reclaiming the Spirit of Jesus*.

### *A Geography of Relationships: Crossing Borders*

**RICHARD RODRIGUEZ** is a noted prose stylist and appeared regularly on PBS's show, *NewsHour*. He came out as gay in his book of essays, *Days of Obligation: An Argument With My Mexican Father*, which was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. His original ideas were further explored in his collection of essays entitled *Brown: The Last Discovery of America*, which was a finalist for the National Book Critics Award.



Richard Rodriguez



Kathleen Kennedy Townsend

### *The Web of Relationships: Faith, Family, and Fairness*

**KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND** authored the book, *Failing America's Faithful: How Today's Churches Are Mixing God with Politics and Losing Their Way*. She served as Lieutenant Governor and Assistant Attorney General for Maryland, and was a Deputy Assistant Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice. The eldest daughter of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Kathleen is a faithful Catholic.

## ■ Focus Session Leaders ■



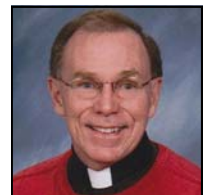
Joseph A. Brown, SJ

### *African Americans and Lesbian/Gay Issues: Developing Relationships*

**JOSEPH A. BROWN, SJ** is a professor and chair of the Department of Africana Studies at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and an associate member of the Newman Catholic Center staff. Active as a lecturer in the areas of African American spirituality, history and culture, he has published poetry, prayer services, and articles on black Catholic spirituality, theology and literature.

### *Gay Priests: Coming Out While Staying In*

**REV. FRED DALEY** is the pastor of All Saints Church, Syracuse, NY. His pastoral experience includes serving as regional vicar, director of vocations and seminarians, inner city ministry, ministries for the poor, and church reform. One of the nation's few openly gay priests, Fred is developing the first shrine in memory of another openly gay priest, Fr. Mychal Judge, OFM, who died in the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks.



Rev. Fred Daley

# ■ Focus Session Leaders ■



Marianne  
Duddy-Burke



Dwayne Fernandes



Mary Ellen and Casey  
Lopata



Nicole Sotelo

## ***Building a Movement: It's All About Relationships***

**EQUALLY BLESSED** is a coalition of four Catholic organizations committed to LGBT equality in our Church and the larger society with a combined experience of 115 years of ministry and advocacy. These four organizations will be represented by Marianne Duddy-Burke, Executive Director of DignityUSA; Dwayne Fernandes, Associate Director of New Ways Ministry; Mary Ellen and Casey Lopata, co-founders of Fortunate Families; and Nicole Sotelo, Director of Communications and Programs at Call To Action.



Orlando Espin

## ***LGBTQs among Latinos/as and Latino/as among the White LGBTQs***

**ORLANDO ESPIN** is professor of theology and religious studies at the University of San Diego, where he also directs the interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Latino/a Catholicism. An author or editor of nine books, he specializes in the study of popular religion and culture, and is regarded as a founder of U.S. Latino/a theology.

## ***Young Adults, LGBT Issues, and the Catholic Church: A Relationship with a Future?***

**JAMIE MANSON** received her Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School where she studied Catholic theology and sexual ethics. She is an affiliate faculty member at Fairfield University and has a weekly column, *Grace on the Margins*, in the *National Catholic Reporter*. As a lay minister, she has worked extensively with New York City's homeless and poor populations.



Jamie Manson



Celestine and Hilary  
Ranney-Howes

## ***Accidental Lesbians: Catholic Marriage Through a Gender Change***

**CELESTINE AND HILARY RANNEY-HOWES** are both lifelong professional theater designers and have been married for 33 years. Hilary authored the article, "To Be or Not to Be: A Catholic Transsexual Speaks," which describes her conversion to Catholicism and her gender transition. She is involved with several transgender rights organizations.

## ***From Spotless Bride to Working Partner: Relationships, Marriage, and the Church***

**SUSAN ROSS** is Professor and Chair of the Theology Department at Loyola University Chicago. She authored *For the Beauty of the Earth: Women, Sacramentality and Justice* and *Extravagant Affections: A Feminist Sacramental Theology*, as well as numerous journal articles and book chapters. She is currently President-Elect of the Catholic Theological Society of America.



Susan Ross



Sandy Yost, CSJ

## ***Lesbian Nuns: Journeys of Integration***

**SANDY YOST, CSJ** is a Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Detroit Mercy and is Vice President, External Relations, of the Board of Directors of the American Society for Engineering Education. She participated in the several New Ways Ministry projects for and about lesbian religious. Sandy authors a blog called "nunsuch - the adventures of a techie nun," at [techienun.org](http://techienun.org).

# ■ Symposium Schedule ■

## Thursday, March 15, 2012

8:00 AM - **Retreat Day**—Registration and Breakfast.

4:00 PM See below.

3:00 PM - Symposium registration

9:00 PM

### 6:30 PM Plenary Session

Welcome, Opening Prayer, Introductions

RICHARD RODRIGUEZ—*A Geography of Relationships: Crossing Borders*

9:30 PM Reception

## Friday, March 16, 2012

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast

### 8:30 AM Plenary Session

Morning Prayer

PATRICIA BEATTIE JUNG—*Faithful Sexual Relationships and Marriage*

10:45 AM Coffee/Tea Break

11:15 AM Focus Session 1

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12:30 PM Break

12:45 PM Luncheon

1:45 PM Focus Session 2

■ Same Choices as Focus Session 1

3:00 PM Break

### 3:15 PM Plenary Session

BISHOP GEOFFREY ROBINSON—*Sexual Relationships: Where Does Our Morality Come From?*

5:15 PM Break

5:30 PM Pre-dinner Reception

6:30 PM Dinner (on your own)

8:00 PM Open Space

## Saturday, March 17, 2012

7:30 AM Continental Breakfast

### 8:30 AM Plenary Session

Morning Prayer

LUKE TIMOTHY JOHNSON—*Doing the Truth in Love: Eros, Relationships, and the Communion of Saints*

10:30 AM Coffee/Tea Break

### 11:00 AM Plenary Session

KATHLEEN KENNEDY TOWNSEND—*The Web of Relationships: Faith, Family, and Fairness*

12:45 PM Closing Prayer Service

1:15 PM Departure

## RETREAT

### FIRED BY LOVE'S URGENT LONGINGS

Thursday, March 15, 2012

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Presented by

BISHOP GEOFFREY ROBINSON,  
author of

*Love's Urgent Longing*



### About the retreat

St. John of the Cross wrote several religious poems, one of them entitled *The Dark Night of the Soul*. It begins with the words, "One dark night, fired by love's urgent longings – Ah, the sheer grace – I went out unseen, the house being now all stilled." He saw this longing for love in the depths of our being as the source of all that is spiritual within us. The retreat day will call us to grow in our spiritual relationship with God and creation.

**Registration:** March 14, 7:00-9:00 pm

Registration & breakfast: March 15, 8:00-9:00 am

Retreat includes continental breakfast and luncheon



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