

For Catholic leaders, ministers, laity, educators,  
■ LGBT persons and their family, friends, and advocates ■



# *Justice & Mercy Shall Kiss*

LGBT Catholics in the Age of Pope Francis

New Ways Ministry's



8th National Symposium

**Pope Francis** has unlocked a new era of openness and dialogue on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) topics. Yet, injustices still abound. LGBT people are fired from church employment, excluded from sacraments, and become victims of discrimination in the name of religious liberty. It is time for the Catholic community to explore how mercy and justice can work for LGBT people.



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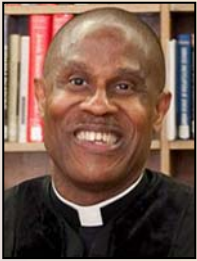
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# ■ Plenary Session Leaders ■



Rev. Bryan Massingale

## **Pope Francis, Social Ethics, and LGBT People**

**Rev. Bryan Massingale**, a Professor of Theology at Fordham University, New York, served as president of the Catholic Theological Society of America and convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium. Author of over eighty books and articles, his *Racial Justice and the Catholic Church* won first prize from the Catholic Press Association.

## **Religious Liberty, Employment, and LGBT Issues**

**Leslie C. Griffin** is the William S. Boyd Professor of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where she teaches constitutional law. Her books and articles largely deal with interdisciplinary work in law and religion. She is a member of the United States Supreme Court Bar.



Leslie C. Griffin



Bishop John Stowe,  
OFM Conv.

## **Friday and Saturday Morning Scriptural Reflections**

**Bishop John Stowe** is the Third Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, Kentucky. He is a member of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual and served as Vicar Provincial of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation. He was the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio.

## **Sexual Ethics and Same-Sex Marriage**

**Lisa Fullam** is an Associate Professor of Moral Theology at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley, California, where she specializes in Virtue Ethics, medical and sexual ethics, the intersection of ethics and spirituality, and Ignatian spirituality. Her scholarly articles include "Civil Same-Sex Marriage: A Catholic Affirmation."



Lisa Fullam



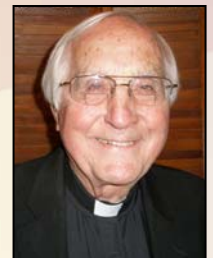
Frank Mugisha

## **The Catholic Church, Criminalization Laws, and the LGBT Experience in Uganda**

**Frank Mugisha** is the Executive Director of Sexual Minorities Uganda, the leading organization of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and intersex movement in Uganda. In 2009, he led a massive march to stop the Anti-Homosexuality Bill in Uganda. He was awarded the UN's Human Rights Defenders Recognition in 2010 and the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award in 2011.

## **Saturday Afternoon Prayer Service**

**Bishop Thomas Gumbleton**, a retired auxiliary bishop of Detroit, is a leading voice for peace, justice, and civil rights in the Catholic Church today. He has been advocating for acceptance of LGBT persons since 1992 when he first spoke publicly about his gay brother, Dan.



Bishop Thomas Gumbleton

# ■ Focus Session Leaders ■



Rev. Warren Hall

## **Gay Men in Priesthood and Religious Life**

**Rev. Warren Hall**, a gay priest, was removed from his position as Director of Campus Ministry at Seton Hall University, New Jersey, because of his support of LGBT equality. Over a year later, he was suspended from priestly duties by the Archdiocese of Newark because of his outreach work to LGBT communities.



## **Hispanic Catholic Culture and LGBT Issues**

**Elsie Miranda**, a Cuban American, is an Associate Professor of Theology at Barry University, Florida, and serves as Director of Ministerial Formation. Her research includes inter-cultural and theological formation for ministry and queer theology. She contributed to *Hispanic Ministry in the 21st Century: Present and Future*.



Elsie Miranda

# ■ Symposium Schedule ■

## Friday, April 28, 2017

1:00 PM *Symposium Registration Opens*

6:30 PM **Plenary Session**

*Welcome*

BISHOP JOHN STOWE, OFM, CONV.

—*Opening Prayer*

*Introduction*

REV. BRYAN MASSINGALE

—*Pope Francis, Social Ethics,  
and LGBT People*

9:30 PM *Dessert Reception*

E. LGBT Parish Ministry—CRISTINA TRAINA  
& BARBARA MARIAN

F. Transgender & Intersex Identities and the Family—  
NICOLE SANTAMARIA, DEACON RAY DEVER  
& LEXI DEVER

G. Youth, Young Adult Ministry, and LGBT Questions—  
MICHAEL MAHER

12:15 PM *Break*

12:30 PM *Luncheon*

1:45 PM BISHOP THOMAS GUMBLETON

—*Afternoon Prayer*

2:15 PM *Break*

2:30 PM **Focus Session 2**

*Same Choices as Focus Session 1*

3:45 PM *Break*

4:00 PM **Plenary Session**

LISA FULLAM—*Sexual Ethics  
and Same-Sex Marriage*

5:45 PM *Reception*

6:15 PM *Dinner (on your own)*

8:30 PM *Open Space*

## Saturday, April 29, 2017

7:30 AM *Continental Breakfast*

8:30 AM **Plenary Session**

BISHOP JOHN STOWE, OFM, CONV.

—*Morning Prayer*

LESLIE GRIFFIN—*Religious Liberty,  
Employment, and LGBT Issues*

10:30 AM *Coffee/Tea Break*

11:00 AM **Focus Session 1**

A. Challenges of LGBT Church Workers—COLLEEN  
SIMON, MARGIE WINTERS & ANDREA VETTORI

B. Gay Men in Priesthood and Religious Life—  
REV. WARREN HALL

C. Hispanic Catholic Culture and LGBT Issues—  
ELSIE MIRANDA

D. Lesbian Nuns: Gift to the Church—  
DIANA RAWLINGS, ASC

## Sunday, April 30, 2017

7:30 AM *Continental Breakfast*

8:30 AM **Plenary Session**

*Morning Prayer*

FRANK MUGISHA—*The Catholic Church,  
Criminalization Laws, and the LGBT  
Experience in Uganda*

10:30 AM *Coffee/Tea Break*

11:00 AM **Eucharist**

12:30 AM *Departure*

## PRE-SYMPOSIUM RETREAT—Justice and Mercy: Our Faith Challenge

Pope Francis has called us to be a church of justice and mercy. What spiritual gifts and practices do we need as we work for a church that lives the qualities of justice and mercy in regard to LGBT issues? Spend a day praying on this theme with Sr. Simone Campbell.



**Sister Simone Campbell, SSS,** is Executive Director of NETWORK, a Catholic social justice lobby organization. She led three cross-country *Nuns on the Bus* trips, focused on economic justice, comprehensive immigration reform, and voter turnout. She has been featured in the national and

international media, including appearances on *60 Minutes*, *The Colbert Report*, and *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*. She is the author of *A Nun on the Bus: How All of Us Can Create Hope, Change, and Community*.

### Retreat Schedule—Friday, April 28, 2017:

8:00 AM *Registration and Continental Breakfast*

9:00 AM *Welcome, Prayer, Introductions*

9:30 AM *Presentation—*

SISTER SIMONE CAMPBELL

10:30 AM *Quiet Time for Meditation*

10:50 AM *Small Group Discussions*

11:30 AM *Q & A with Sister Simone*

12:00 PM *Lunch*

1:00 PM *Presentation—*

SISTER SIMONE CAMPBELL

2:00 PM *Quiet Time for Meditation*

2:20 PM *Small Group Discussions*

3:00 PM *Plenary Session with Sister Simone*

3:45 PM *Closing Prayer*

4:00 PM *Conclusion*

Registration available on Thursday, April 27, 7-9 PM. Includes breakfast and lunch.



# ■ Focus Session Leaders ■



Colleen Simon

## Challenges of LGBT Church Workers

**Colleen Simon** is a case manager for Journey to New Life, an organization that assists those who were incarcerated. She was fired as the Coordinator for Social Ministry at St. Francis Church, in Kansas City, Missouri, when the local newspaper mentioned her marriage to Rev. Donna Simon, a Lutheran pastor.

**Margie Winters** was fired from her job as Director of Religious Education at Waldron Mercy Academy, Pennsylvania, because of her marriage to her partner, Andrea Vettori. She is an associate member of the Sisters of Mercy. Along with her wife, she directs DAWN: Diversity All Are Welcome Now.



Margie Winters



Andrea Vettori

**Andrea Vettori** is a vowed member of the Companions in Mercy, a lay community incorporating the charism of the Sisters of Mercy. She has taken a life-long vow of prayer, community, and ministry to the poor. When her wife, Margie Winters, was fired because of their marriage, Vettori began speaking publicly on LGBT issues.



## Lesbian Nuns: Gift to the Church

**Diana Rawlings, ASC**, served her religious community in leadership, vocation ministry, and co-chair of the Precious Blood LGBT Ministry Team. Since 2005, she has assisted New Ways Ministry's conferences for lesbian sisters, congregational leaders, and formation/vocation personnel.



Diana Rawlings



## LGBT Parish Ministry

**Cristina Traina** is a Professor of Religious Studies at Northwestern University, Illinois, where she teaches Christian theology and ethics. She writes and speaks on many topics in ethics, including sexuality. She is a long-time member of the St. Nicholas Gay and Lesbian Family and Friends Ministry in Evanston.



Cristina Traina

**Barbara Marian** is a member of the Gay-Lesbian & Family and Friends Ministry at St. Nicholas Parish in Evanston, Illinois. She served on the Diocese of Rockford's Liturgical Commission. She has a lesbian daughter and is active in the organizations, PFLAG and Fortunate Families.



Barbara Marian



## Transgender & Intersex Identities and the Family

**Nicole Santamaria**, a Salvadoran intersex woman, has survived three attacks against her life because of her advocacy for gender and sexual minorities. In 2013, she addressed the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States in Washington, DC on hate crimes against the LGBTI community.



Nicole Santamaria

**Deacon Raymond Dever** has served in pastoral ministry for 25 years in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida. A retired engineer, he is the father of three children, one of whom is transgender. His family's story of LGBT acceptance was featured in *The Huffington Post*, *Buzzfeed*, and *Bondings 2.0*.



Raymond Dever

**Lexi Dever** is an artist, activist, and designer in Washington, DC, and works as the Marketing Coordinator for Georgetown University's LGBTQ Resource Center. She is on the Alumni Support Board for the IgnatianQ Conference, an annual conference of Jesuit colleges on LGBTQ issues.



Lexi Dever



## Youth, Young Adult Ministry, and LGBT Questions

**Michael Maher** is a parish-based campus minister at Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago. His 2001 book, *Being Gay and Lesbian in a Catholic High School*, was the first research published on the topic. He has authored more than 30 articles, books, and presentations on youth and homosexuality.



Michael Maher





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## Getting to CHICAGO

**United Airlines**, the official carrier for the Symposium, is offering discounts off fares for symposium travel to Chicago O'Hare between April 24 and May 3, 2017.

**Book online** at [www.united.com](http://www.united.com). Click "all search options" at the bottom of the "Book travel" box. Complete travel information. Put offer code **"ZXFF322358"** in "Promotion and certificate" box at the bottom.

**Book by phone** (plus a booking service fee). Call the United Reservations Meetings Desk at 800-426-1122. Provide offer code **ZXFF322358**.

Complimentary shuttle service between Chicago O'Hare airport and the Hilton Rosemont Chicago O'Hare Hotel.

**EXHIBITORS:**  
 Contact New Ways  
 Ministry before  
 March 17, 2017 to  
 reserve a spot.

## OPEN SPACE

Participants can propose a topic of interest for an open space session on Saturday evening, April 29, at 8:30 pm.

To request an "Open Space" meeting, send title, a one or two sentence description, and name of person leading the discussion. Place this information on the registration page and send by March 17, 2017.

The title, but not the person's name, will be listed in the program booklet.

"Open Space" meetings can also be added, on a space available basis, at the Symposium

## HOTEL INFORMATION

### Hilton Rosemont Chicago O'Hare Hotel

(Outside Chicago, Illinois)  
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 (847) 678-4488

#### Room rates:

\$124 (single or double), \$149 (triple), or \$174 (quad), plus 14% tax.

Check-in time is 3:00 pm; check-out is noon. Room rates apply April 27 to April 30, 2017. Based on availability, room rates also apply 3 days before and 3 days after the event.

Reservations via telephone at **1-888-452-6943**; use the Group Code: **NWM**.

**Register online** at [http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/O/ORDHRHH-NWM-20170427/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/O/ORDHRHH-NWM-20170427/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

Reservations must be received by April 6, 2017. If told that no rooms are available, contact New Ways Ministry (301-864-3604 or [info@NewWaysMinistry.org](mailto:info@NewWaysMinistry.org)) to secure a room.

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Discounted parking at hotel: \$13.75 daily, with in-out privileges.

# ■ Registration Form ■

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CHECK ONE:		<b>Early Bird</b> Postmark by 12/31/16	Regular	Late Postmark after 3/27/16
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Total Package</b> (Retreat + Symposium)	<b>\$350</b>	\$395	\$445
	<input type="checkbox"/> Symposium: Friday night through Sunday	\$275	\$315	\$365
	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Only	\$185	\$205	\$240

## 4+ Discount:

Four or more people who mail registration forms on or before March 27, 2017, in the same envelope will receive the early bird rate.

Symposium registration includes two breakfasts, Saturday lunch, and two evening receptions. Retreat registration includes breakfast and lunch.

Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CHOOSE YOUR FOCUS SESSION:

For the symposium, please indicate first and second focus session preferences with a #1 and #2:

- \_\_\_\_ A. **Challenges of LGBT Church Workers** - Colleen Simon, Margie Winters & Andrea Vittore
- \_\_\_\_ B. **Gay Men in Priesthood and Religious Life** - Rev. Warren Hall
- \_\_\_\_ C. **Hispanic Catholic Culture and LGBT Issues** - Elsie Miranda
- \_\_\_\_ D. **Lesbian Nuns: Gift to the Church** - Diana Rawlings, ASC
- \_\_\_\_ E. **LGBT Parish Ministry** - Cristina Traina & Barbara Marian
- \_\_\_\_ F. **Transgender & Intersex Identities and the Family** -  
Nicole Santamaria, Deacon Ray Dever & Lexi Dever
- \_\_\_\_ G. **Youth, Young Adult Ministry, and LGBT Questions** - Michael Maher

Special Requests:

☐ **Vegetarian**

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I would like to request an "Open Space" session at 8:30 PM on Saturday, April 29th. Please indicate the session title and name of the person leading the discussion. Separately, include a one or two sentence description of the session.

Session Title and Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT and MAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

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Registration includes a \$50 non-refundable cancellation fee. Registration at the door is the Late Registration Fee + \$25 additional.