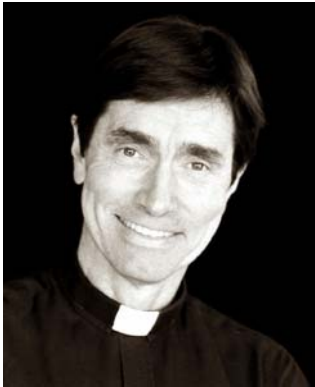


RETREAT PRESENTER

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Union in Berkeley and did post-graduate studies at the Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies in Toronto.

In 1992 he was awarded the STL from the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. In 1996-97, he investigated the theological implications of AIDS at the Jesuit Institute at Boston College.

Professor Crowley was the founding Director of the interdisciplinary Catholic Studies minor.

He is the author of numerous books and articles, including writings about homosexuality and AIDS. His newest book is *Unwanted Wisdom: Suffering, the Cross and Hope*, (New York: Continuum, 2005).

RETREAT STAFF

Francis DeBernardo

is the Executive Director of New Ways Ministry.

Mr. DeBernardo was a reporter/youth editor for the Brooklyn diocesan newspaper, *The Tablet*, and an editorial assistant at the Quixote Center.

He holds a Masters degree in Rhetoric and Composition from the University of Maryland.

Mr. DeBernardo was a professional writing instructor and Director of the Writing Center at the University of Maryland, where he is currently working on his dissertation, *The Sound of Silencing: Catholicism, Homosexuality and Dissent*.



Francis DeBernardo

Francis DeBernardo will facilitate prayer services, discussions, and other activities for the retreat.



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In this retreat/workshop we will prayerfully explore ways that GLBT people, their parents, friends, and pastoral supporters, can live as people of hope by considering three hope-filled images: the Prodigal Son's father (through George Balanchine's ballet), the leper and St. Francis (through Olivier Messiaen's music), and St. John the Beloved Disciple (through the Isenheim altar painting). We will discuss what these images can tell us for pastoral and spiritual support and care of GLBT Catholics.

SCHEDULE

Friday, September 29, 2006

7:00 pm Check-in
8:00 pm Presentation
9:00 pm Evening Prayer
9:30 pm Social

Saturday, September 30, 2006

8:45 am Breakfast
9:45 am Morning Prayer
10:30 am Presentation
11:00 am Quiet time
11:30 am Small group discussion
12:00 pm Lunch
2:30 pm Presentation
3:00 pm Quiet time

Saturday, September 30, 2006

3:30 pm Small group discussion
4:00 pm Large group discussion
4:30 pm Break
5:00 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Evening Prayer
7:00 pm Video and discussion
8:30 pm Social

Sunday, October 1, 2006

8:45 am Breakfast
9:45 am Q & A, Announcements, Evaluation
10:30 am Mass
12:00 pm Lunch
1:30 pm Departure

REGISTRATION FORM
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E-mail Address

Date

Registration fee includes materials, overnight accommodations on Friday and Saturday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Scholarships are available. To apply, contact Catholic Parents Network in writing by September 8, 2006.

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