

REGISTRATION FORM

Catholic Parents Network Retreat/Workshop
September 21-23, 2007

STAFF

**CATHOLIC PARENTS
NETWORK**
announces

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Home Phone

Work Phone

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 4, 2007.

Registration Fee: \$165

Enclosed:

\$ _____ Registration
\$ _____ Tax deductible donation for
scholarships

Please make checks payable to New Ways Ministry.
Send postmarked by September 4, 2007.

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Francis DeBernardo

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



Matthew Myers is a full time Staff Associate at New Ways Ministry. He earned his Bachelors degree in Philosophy from John Carroll University in Cleveland, served as a Capuchin Lay Volunteer at the Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition, and lived and worked at the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker House in Washington, DC.

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

Becoming a Mature Christian

A Workshop/Retreat for
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Content

To the historical observer, American Catholics seem either rebellious or subversive in moral matters. How can defiance and compliance be transformed into maturity and a conscientious obedience to the Spirit of God? How do we grow into mature Christians? How do we become integrated, believing adults who understand and value the Church's tradition and, at the same time, appreciate and trust the promptings of a good conscience? To address these questions, Fr. Keenan will examine the Church and its tradition, the role of conscience, and the virtues of justice, self-care, fidelity, prudence, and mercy.

Schedule

Friday, September 21, 2007

6:00 pm Check-in
7:30 pm Presentation: The Church and Its Tradition
9:00 pm Evening Prayer
9:30 pm Social

Saturday, September 22, 2007

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am The Role of Conscience
10:30 am Quiet time
11:15 am Small group discussion
12:00 pm Large group discussion
12:30 pm Lunch
2:30 pm Christian Virtues
3:30 pm Quiet time
4:15 pm Small group discussion
5:00 pm Large group discussion
5:30 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Evening Prayer
7:30 pm Video and discussion
9:00 pm Social

Sunday, September 23, 2007

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Q & A, Announcements, Evaluations
10:45 am Break
11:15 am Mass
12:30 pm Lunch
2:00 pm Departure

Presenter

Rev. James Keenan, SJ



James Keenan has been a Jesuit of the New York Province since 1970. He earned a licentiate and doctorate of sacred theology from the Gregorian University in Rome. Fr. Keenan holds Boston

College's Gasson Chair in Theology and is Professor of Moral Theology at Weston Jesuit School of Theology. He is author of *Virtues for Ordinary Christians*, *Commandments of Compassion* and most recently, *Moral Wisdom: Lessons and Texts from the Catholic Tradition*. His research interests include fundamental moral theology, virtue ethics, HIV/AIDS, and church leadership ethics. Fr. Keenan is a Board Member of the Society of Christian Ethics and a member of the editorial board of *Theological Studies*. His article in *Theological Studies*, "The Open Debate: Moral Theology and the Lives of Gay and Lesbian Persons," points out the extensive debate about homosexuality that is occurring throughout the Catholic world.