

Lesbian Religious: Community, Conversations, and Coming Out

A weekend conference for women religious who are lesbian,
congregational leaders, and formation/vocation ministers

December 14, 5:00 p.m. – December 16, 2007, 12:00 noon

Racine Dominican Ministries
5635 Erie Street
Racine, WI 53402-1900
(outside of Milwaukee)
262-639-4100

- Experience an opportunity for leaders and formation/vocation ministers to share conversation, prayer, and laughter with lesbian religious.
- Reverence the personal stories of our lesbian sisters.
- Talk about why, when, or whether a lesbian religious comes out.
- Discuss how to create forums for conversation in religious congregations about lesbian and gay issues.
- Talk about sexuality and homosexuality from the head and from the heart.
- Enjoy storytelling, presentations, discussion, sharing of information, social and prayer times.



Marian Castelluccio, OP
Facilitator



Ann Citarella, SC
Storyteller



Phil Keithley, SNDdeN
Storyteller



Maribeth Graves, OSF
Storyteller

“As a newer member of my religious congregation, participating in the conference at Racine allowed me to talk with other sisters about issues important to me. The opportunity for dialogue, prayer, ritual and storytelling gave me renewed energy to return to my community and engage my own sisters and leadership on these sacred topics. I am delighted to have attended and plan to return next year.”

-Sr. Fran Fasolka, IHM



Conference Schedule

Friday, December 14

4:00 pm Check-in and Social
5:30 pm Supper
7:00 pm Welcome and Opening Session
Introductions and Sharing
8:30 pm Evening Prayer
9:00 pm Free evening

2:00 pm Small Group Conversations—I
2:30 pm Small Group Conversations—II
(Change to another structured group)
3:00 pm Large Group Discussion—issues that surfaced
in the small group conversations
3:30 pm Break
4:00 pm Ritual
5:15 pm Free Time
5:30 pm Supper

Saturday, December 15

8:00 am Breakfast
9:15 am Morning Prayer
9:45 am **Coming Out**
Phil Keithley SNDdeN
Maribeth Graves OSF
Ann Citarella SC
11:00 am Break
11:15 am Small Group Discussion
Does homophobia or heterosexism play a role
in the stories we heard?
12:00 pm Dinner
1:30 pm Large Group Sharing from morning's groups
2:00 pm **Conversations**
What has my community done to become
more welcoming to lesbian women?
(Small Groups structured according to
"Congregational Leader, Formation/Vocation
Minister, Lesbian Sister")

7:00 pm Report on New Ways Ministry Symposium
and National Religious Vocation Conference
workshop
Maco Cassetta CND and Diana Rawlings ASC
7:15 pm **Community**
What interaction can you propose with your
community, other communities, LCWR, the
Religious Formation Conference, the National
Religious Vocation Conference, or other
groups regarding the topic of lesbian sisters?
8:30 pm Social

Sunday, December 16

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Eucharist with Racine Dominican Community
10:15 am Future Conference Dates, Participants,
Suggestions, Loose ends
11:30 am Closing Prayer
12:00 pm Departure

Registration (\$125 by Sept. 30 or \$145 after Sept. 30) includes accommodations, supper on Friday, meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast. Scholarships are available. Call (301) 864-3604, email NewWaysM@verizon.net, or write Womanjourney Weavings, 4012 29th St., Mt. Rainier, MD 20712.



Registration Form for Lesbian Religious: Community, Conversations, and Coming Out

I am registering for the weekend, *Lesbian Religious: Community, Conversations, and Coming Out*, December 14-16, 2007. Make checks payable to New Ways Ministry.

Registration fee enclosed: _____ \$125 by September 30, 2007 or _____ \$145 after September 30, 2007.

I am (check one): ___ Community Member ___ Community Leader ___ Formation /Vocation Minister

Name _____ Congregation _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

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