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“Magisterium, Theologians, and Folk Like Us”
October 3-5, 2008

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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 New Ways Ministry in writing by September 1st.

Registration Fee: $165 (before September 1st)
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SEX, SEXUALITY AND DEVELOPING
Catholic Faith

A Workshop/Retreat for Lesbian/Gay Catholics, Parents, Pastoral Ministers, and other interested persons

October 3-5, 2008
Franciscan Spiritual Center
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This weekend will be devoted to an examination of the theology and theological critiques of the hierarchical position on sexuality and homosexuality through historical and contextual perspectives.

The presenter will discuss developing notions of sexuality and homosexuality among the Catholic faithful and Catholic theologians. We will ask the questions, “In addition to bishops, who else teaches in the Catholic Church?” and “How is the content of Church teaching determined”?

Because Catholics are in an historical process of discovering truth and developing doctrine, a new set of issues arises. When Catholics no longer simply “pray, pay and obey” but, rather, “live, love, learn and liturgize” (and a few other things) – sometimes to the opposition of others – how Catholic communities cultivate an authentic spiritual life in Jesus Christ and in the Communion of Saints? We will look to our for-bears in faith for wisdom as to how to be “wise as serpents and gentle as doves.”

Rev. Halstead is Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at DePaul University in Chicago. He is a member of the Order of St. Augustine and a priest for the past 31 years. In addition to his work at DePaul, Fr. Halstead has been a weekend associate pastor at St. Nicholas Parish in Evanston, Illinois, for the past 17 years.

Combining his extensive pastoral experience and an underlying Augustinian spirituality, Fr. Halstead brings to the discussion of sexuality a keen sense of the historically-rooted nature of all theological and moral statements as well as the power of God’s grace to renew all men and women, our ideas, and the institutions in which we live.

Awarded an “Excellence in Teaching” award by DePaul University, Fr. Halstead will facilitate a careful, thoughtful reading of magisterial documents in their original contexts, raise questions regarding the texts, and help us come to a new understanding and enthusiasm concerning our place in history and our role in promoting the Reign of God.