

Lesbian Sisters: Understanding, Education, and Action

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

December 12, 4:00 p.m. – December 14, 2008, 12:00 noon

Racine Dominican Ministries

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- 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.



Janet Rozzano, RSM
Speaker
Topics on Homosexuality



Marian Castelluccio, OP
Facilitator



Patti Donlin, RSM
Speaker
Coming Out: A Process



Deidre Jordy, SP
Panelist
Telling My Story



Fran Fasolka, IHM
Panelist
Telling My Story

Conference Schedule: Lesbian Sisters: Understanding, Education, and Action

Friday, December 12

4:00 pm Check-in and Social in the Meeting Room
 5:30 pm Supper
 7:00 pm Welcome and Opening Session
 Introductions and Sharing
 8:15 pm Evening Prayer
 8:45 pm Social

2:45 pm Break
 3:15 pm **Understanding - Telling My Story**
 Fran Fasolka, IHM
 4:00 pm Small Group Response
 How does your heart respond to the story you heard?
 Given this morning's education session, does this story
 evoke further questions?

Saturday, December 13

8:00 am Breakfast
 9:00 am Morning Prayer
 9:30 am **Education — Coming Out: A Process**
 Patti Donlin, RSM
 10:00 am Small group
 10:15 am Break
 10:45 am **Education - Topics on Homosexuality**
 Janet Rozzano, RSM
 11:15 am Small group
 11:30 am Large group – issues that surfaced in
 small groups
 11:45 am Break
 12:00 pm Dinner
 1:30 pm **Understanding - Telling My Story**
 Deidre Jordy, SP
 2:15 pm Small Group Response

4:30 pm Break
 4:45 pm Large Group Response – issues that
 surfaced in small groups
 5:15 pm Break
 5:30 pm Supper
 7:00 pm Ritual
 8:30 pm Social — Film: For the Bible Tells Me So

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Sunday, December 14

8:00 am Breakfast
 9:00 am Eucharist with Racine Dominican
 Community
 10:15 am **Action**
 Reports on Past Year
 What actions can be initiated with LCWR, the Religious
 Formation Conference, the National Religious Vocation
 Conference, and our own communities?
 Future Planning and Evaluation
 11:30 am Closing Prayer
 12:00 pm Departure

Registration includes accommodations, supper on Friday, meals on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast.

Scholarships are available. Call (301) 864-3604 or e-mail NewWaysM@verizon.net

I am registering for the weekend, *Lesbian Sisters: Understanding, Education, and Action*
 December 12-14, 2008. Make checks payable to New Ways Ministry.

Registration fee enclosed: _____ \$125 by September 26, 2008 or _____ \$145 after September 26, 2008.

Check all that apply: ___ Lesbian Sister ___ Community Leader ___ Formation/Vocation Minister

Name _____ Congregation _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell phone _____

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