Conference Description

Today “sexuality” means anything and everything: identity; orientation; the way we organize love, desire, and affection; even our whole way of being in the world as embodied spirit. We are part of a Church still struggling with how to connect all these fluid, evolving meanings. We come from a religious past with a narrow vision of binary sexes created for the purpose of procreation, in which a limited degree of male sexual desire is sanctioned and women’s experiences are considered irrelevant.

Conference Schedule

Friday, November 16, 2018

4:30 pm  Arrival and check-in
5:30 pm  Dinner
7:00 pm  Welcome & Introductions
         Cristina Traina
         The Challenge: Sexuality in Two Paradigms
         How did our Church arrive at its current place of confusion?
         Q & A
         Evening Prayer

9:00 pm  Social

Saturday, November 17, 2018

8:00 am  Breakfast
9:00 am  Morning Prayer
9:30 am  Cristina Traina
         A Way Forward: Eros and Agape in Balance
         What about the dynamic of desire and delight in our spiritual, embodied selves?
         Reflection, table sharing, and large group discussion

12:00-1:30 pm  Lunch
1:30 pm  Nancy Marsh, CSJ
         Coming Out Is Not a One Time Event
         Reflection, table sharing, and large group discussion

3:00 pm
3:30 pm  Small Group Discussion
4:00 pm  Break
4:30 pm  Conversation with Cristina Traina
5:15 pm  Break
5:30 pm  Supper
6:30 pm  Evening Prayer
7:00 pm  Film: The Danish Girl
9:00 pm  Social

Speaker

Cristina L.H. Traina is Professor and Chair of Religious Studies at Northwestern University, Illinois. Her books include: Feminist Ethics and Natural Law: The End of the Anathemas and Erotic Attunement: Parenthood and the Ethics of Sensuality Between Unequals. Cristina is a life-long Catholic and member of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church in Evanston, IL, where she is active in the Gay and Lesbian Ministry.

Cristina Traina will draw on her work on sensuality in relationships that are not explicitly sexual in the traditional sense to explore how our embodied life enriches us and others, expands our life in the Spirit, and is an occasion of caution and care.

Speaker

Nancy Marsh, CSJ has been a vowed member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet since 1972. She received a Bachelor’s degree in Home Economics Education from Fontbonne University, St. Louis, and a Master of Science Degree in Adult Health Oncology nursing from Georgia State University. Nancy taught high school and has worked in all realms of cancer nursing. She now ministers with underserved, mentally ill women in a residential care facility. Nancy enjoys gourmet cooking, needlework, lacemaking, and mandala work.

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Conference Committee

Jeannine Gramick, SL is the co-founded of New Ways Ministry.

Mary Jennings, CDP has been engaged in service positions in Ecuador, New York, and Kentucky.

Diana Rawlings, ASC has been a community leader, vocation director, and member of the Precious Blood Ministry of Justice for LGBT Persons since 2007.

Questions?
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______ Conference Registration: $189, postmarked by May 31 or $219 postmarked after May 31
______ Pre-conference retreat + conference: $279, postmarked by May 31 or $309 postmarked after May 31
______ Pre-conference retreat (no overnight or breakfast) + conference: $219, postmarked by May 31 or $249 postmarked after May 31

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

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We will provide transportation suggestions to/from the Milwaukee Airport, which is 30 minutes from Siena Retreat Center. Please try to arrange travel as follows:

Prior to October 15, all but $25 is refundable.

When Making Flight Plans...
Arrive at airport by 4:00 pm on Friday, November 16
Depart after 3:00 pm on Sunday, November 18

We welcome your suggestions at 4012 29th Street, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

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A pre-Conference Retreat Day for Lesbian Sisters

This retreat day, Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, is an open and safe space to listen, share, and pray. Arrival and overnight Thursday, Nov. 15, plus Friday breakfast and lunch. $30 in addition to conference fee. With no overnight or Friday breakfast and lunch, $30 in addition to conference fee.