

OUR MISSION

Gay and Straight in Christ welcomes, supports and affirms LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) persons, their families and friends and those who wish to stand in solidarity with them in Christ. This ministry works to help the LGBT community find and take its rightful place within the Catholic community.

"Give us the courage to stand with our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters, their families and those who minister to them. Give us the grace to confront their rejection, to ease their loneliness, to calm their fears and to belie their sense of abandonment."

*from "Prayer in Honor of Those Whom Jesus Loved"
by Sr. Joan Chittester, OSB*

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CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT

This support group is committed to confidentiality. Individuals of all faith traditions attending any meeting are assured that their stories and faith sharing will be kept in confidence by all other attendees. Every person is free to express their thoughts and feelings openly, with the assurance that all sharing is in strict confidence.

WE MEET THE
2ND SUNDAY
OF EACH MONTH

www.mygoodshepherd.org

Look for us under Parish Life then
Human Concerns. Be sure to check for
occasional schedule changes.

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YOU ARE INVITED



*A Christian-based
fellowship group for
LGBT persons, their
families and friends.*

We strive to provide:



THE MESSAGE that our church is open to all persons as a welcoming and affirming Christian community. We affirm the love of Christ for everyone and offer a place of worship for any who may have felt unwelcome or

disenfranchised in the Catholic faith. God does not discriminate. We choose to do the same.

A SAFE ENVIRONMENT where ideas can be exchanged without fear or judgment. As gay and straight disciples of Christ, we share our unique gifts and perspectives. Every person is free to express their thoughts and feelings openly.



"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

—Galatians 3:28

SUPPORT for those coming out or struggling with someone else's coming out. We provide encouragement and spiritual resources with a modern Christian perspective. Sexual orientation and gender identity are part of God's gift of diversity to be honored and celebrated.

EDUCATION for all as we worship, learn and grow together in Christian faith.

"Every person has an inherent dignity because he or she is created in God's image ... it is their sexuality – a mysterious blend of spirit and body – that allows human beings to share in God's own creative love and life."

—Always Our Children, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1997

FAITH SHARING by exploring what the Bible says regarding homosexuality and *what it does not say*. We reflect on the Bible within the context and culture in which it was written.



We consider the writers and the audience for whom they

wrote. We keep in mind the entire sum of Scripture and do not form judgments based upon any single passage.

OUTREACH to the LGBT community and their family members and friends. We endeavor to help LGBT people be an integral part of the Catholic Christian community. We believe that God's love is inclusive and unconditional and we pride ourselves in our demonstration of that love. Every person is created in God's image and likeness.

