



FOR JANUARY 2007

# COMUNIDAD

MINISTRY WITH LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS, ST. MATTHEWS'S CHURCH, LONG BEACH, CA

## Mark Your

**Future First Tuesday Meetings 2007**, at 7:00pm in St. Matthew's Parish Hall: Feb 6, Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5, Jul 3, Aug 7, Sep 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, & Dec 4.

### Jan 17, Wednesday

Dr. Peter Canavan is giving a workshop on Lesbian/Gay Spirituality and Sensuality at **The Center** in Long Beach on **Wednesday, Jan 17, 7:00 - 9:00PM**. To register, call **562-434-4455**. Cost is \$15 and no one will be turned away for lack of funds. If you would like more info, call Peter at the above number.

### Feb 6, Tuesday

Saint of 9/11  
Please join us for a screening of the film Saint of 9/11. The documentary covers the life of gay Franciscan Friar Fr. Mychal Judge, who died at the World Trade Center in NYC on Sept 11, 2001.

### Mar 6, Tuesday

Stations of the Cross  
Please join us for our annual Stations of the Cross. It is a moving time of prayer and reflection with stations that recount Jesus journey to Calvary as well as our walk as gay and lesbian persons.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Long Beach Pride**  
May 19-20, 2007

**LA Religious Ed Congress**  
March 2-4, 2007

**Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2007**  
**St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)**  
Mass starts at 7:15pm, Reception to follow

## COMUNIDAD MASS

Please join Comunidad for Mass on Tuesday, **January 2, 2007 at 7:15pm in the Church**. Our presiding priest will be Fr. Brian Doran, who was the main celebrant at last year's Mass in January. The Mass will be a chance for us to gather together and pray as we start a new year of ministry. Our social will be held after Mass in Fr. Gerald Meisel Hall. Feel free to bring family & friends & possibly a dessert to share. Most of all, join Comunidad as we enter our 21<sup>st</sup> year of ministry.

## Letters

I heard some of you were confused by the request for letters in the December Newsletter. **We're still here**. We are looking to affirm the ministry of Comunidad. Whether we know it or not, we have all ministered to someone. A word or an action, which offers support, may not seem like much to the giver, but it can be a moment of revelation or change in the life of the receiver. Please write and let us know about your positive experience(s), large or small, with Comunidad.

**St. Matthew's Comunidad**  
**672 Temple Avenue**  
**Long Beach, CA 90814**

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Christmas Collection was a success with St. Matthew's parishioners donating \$2,447.00. To those that donated, **Thank You for your generosity**. The money has been given to Catholic Charities to distribute to needy families from St. Matthew's. **Thank You to all who collected** after the Masses the first three weeks of Advent. Through the hard work of our organizer Marilyn and all who collected, many families had a merrier Christmas this year.

**You can email us at**  
**comunidad@123mail.org**

**LEAD ME FROM DEATH TO LIFE, FROM FALSEHOOD TO TRUTH**  
**LEAD ME FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE, FROM FEAR TO TRUST**  
**LEAD ME FROM HATE TO LOVE, FROM WAR TO PEACE**  
**LET PEACE FILL OUR HEART, OUR WORLD, OUR UNIVERSE...**

**PEACE PEACE PEACE**

**For more info about Comunidad call Jen at 562 436-5466 or Tony at 562 439-0531.**