



AUGUST 2007

COMUNIDAD

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

Mark Your

Future First Tuesday Meetings, at 7:00pm in St. Matthew's Parish Hall: Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, and Dec 4.

September 4, 2007
Fr. Dan Lackie, OFM, our Retreat Master will be our speaker.

October 2, 2007
We are still confirming October's speaker.

November 6, 2007
A time of prayer to remember our loved ones who have died, and Comunidad Election for 2008.

December 4, 2007
Posada celebration and potluck fiesta.

January 8, 2008
Start of the Year Mass to celebrate and bless another year of Lesbian and Gay Ministry.

February 5, 2008
A guest speaker from Long Beach Pride.

You can email us at comunidad@123mail.org

Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 7, 2007
St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

Long Beach AIDS Foundation

Please join us on **Tuesday, August 7, 2007** when our guest speaker will be **Garry Bowie** from **Long Beach AIDS Foundation**, the funding source for HIV/AIDS care in Long Beach and the South Bay. Come listen to Garry and find out what the Foundation has been doing for the community and find out what you can do for the Foundation. Light refreshments will be served.

Wear Your Colors

Wear your Comunidad shirt on **Solidarity Sunday, August 5th**. T-shirts are available for \$10.00 in Medium, Large, XL and XXL; call Tony 562 439-0531.

Ecumenical BBQ

Please join Jim (Chair of EFLAGS: Episcopal Fellowship of Lesbians, Gays and Straights, St. Wilfrid's, Huntington Beach) and Steven (Co-founder, Comunidad) at their home in Huntington Beach on **Saturday, August 4th from 11:00am to 3:00pm** for the 5th Annual Ecumenical BBQ. Bring a dish to share. Drinks and burgers will be provided! Please **RSVP 714 536-5172** so we can get a count for drinks and meat. For directions, phone or email Steven at samsotherdad@earthlink.net.

Annual Retreat

Our Annual Retreat, Sept. 28-30, is being lead by Franciscan Priest, Fr. Dan Lackie, OFM from Saints Simon and Jude Parish in Huntington Beach. Our theme is **Stand in the Light: Who Am I in the Church.** We have open rooms available for \$150 per person (double occupancy) or \$165 per person (single occupancy). For more information, call Anna 562 987-0130.

O God,
We ask you to protect and watch over our Comunidad family,
so that in the strength of your grace our members may enjoy prosperity,
possess the priceless gift of your peace, and bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For more info about Comunidad call Jen at 310 408-9122 or Tony at 562 439-0531.