



SEPTEMBER 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: Oct 2, Nov 6, and Dec 4.

### October 2, 2007

State of California  
Controller will be speaking about Financial and Tax hurdles for same sex couples.

### 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

Our guest speaker will be Vanessa from Long Beach Pride.

**Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 4, 2007**  
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

## *Franciscan Spirituality for Lesbian & Gay Catholics*

Please join us on **Tuesday, September 4**, when our guest speaker will be Fr. Dan Lackie, OFM. Fr. Dan will speak about Franciscan Spirituality and what it has to offer Lesbian and Gay Catholics. Light refreshments will be served.

### *Wear Your Colors*

Wear your Comunidad shirt on **Solidarity Sunday, September 2**. T-shirts are available for \$10.00 in Medium, Large, XL and XXL; call Tony 562 439-0531.

## *2008 Steering Committee*

Each year we look to add new members to the Comunidad Steering Committee, which provides leadership and performs the planning for the year's events. We are now in the process of putting together the committee for 2008. We have openings for officers and members-at-large. Soooo, if you are interested in participating in Comunidad's leadership, please talk to Lucille or Ray at our September meeting.

## *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.

You can email us at  
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Blessed are you, O God,  
Creator of the universe, who have made all  
things good and given the earth for us to cultivate.  
Grant that we may always use created things gratefully  
and share your gifts with those in need, out of our love for Christ.  
**Amen.**

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