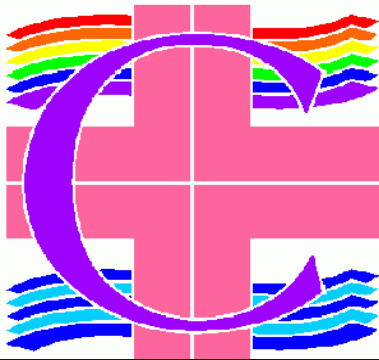


JUNE 2008

Comunidad

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



Mark Your Calendar

Comunidad meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm, ordinarily in St. Matthew's Meisel Hall.

June 3^d

Michael Nava on healthy gay & lesbian relationships

July 1st

Annual 4th of July BBQ

July 18th

Comunidad opening night at *Mamma Mia!* (the movie)

August 5th

NACDLGM presentation

September 2nd

Fr. Eugene on Comunidad's annual retreat (Oct. 10-12)

October 7th

Fr. Richard Benson on primacy of conscience

October 10th-12th

Comunidad annual retreat

For additional information about Comunidad, please e-mail us or call Chris at (562) 987-5191 or Ray (en Espanol) at (562) 590-9309

Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 3rd, 2008

St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Michael Nava, LCSW and author, will speak to us about healthy gay & lesbian relationships. Refreshments will be provided.

JOIN US IN SUPPORTING AIDS WALK LONG BEACH

On Saturday, June 21st, Comunidad members and hundreds of others will march together in support of our brothers and sisters living & dying with HIV/AIDS. We are soliciting donations to support AIDS Walk Long Beach after all weekend Masses at St. Matthew's between now and the walk. Please be generous, and consider walking with us on June 21st! Visit www.aidswalklb.org for more information.

Comunidad's website has a new blog section! Visit www.comunidadlb.org today to share your stories, thoughts, questions and suggestions.

NACDLGM to offer Weekend of Hope in Long Beach!

The National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian & Gay Ministries (NACDLGM) will hold its 2008 conference in Long Beach **September 18th-21st** on the Queen Mary. All are welcome for a hope-filled weekend that will renew your spirit! Bishops Jaime Soto and Raul Vera Lopez, Terry DeCrescenzo, Sr. Fran Ferder and our own Chris Carpenter are confirmed speakers. Info about registration, sponsorship and more can be found at www.nacdlgm.org.

HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED TO OUR ANNUAL APPEAL YET?

If you're on our "snail mail" list, you should have received information by now regarding Comunidad's annual appeal. Please consider a gift in support of our important ministry. We wish the programs and outreach we offer each year didn't cost money, but the reality is that they do. Comunidad simply can't exist without your financial support. Please send your gift to:

Comunidad
672 Temple Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90814

If you've already given your gift for 2008 or soon will, THANK YOU!

Questions? Comments?
E-Mail us at our NEW
address:
comunidad@comunidadlb.org

"WE SALUTE THE BRAVE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF GAY & LESBIAN CATHOLICS OVER THE YEARS WHO HAVE CHOSEN TO CLAIM THEIR CATHOLIC IDENTITY, REFUSED TO ALLOW ANYONE TO EXCLUDE THEM FROM THEIR RIGHTFUL HERITAGE & TRADITION, AND NOW OFFER THEIR EXPERIENCES OF BEING CATHOLIC AND LESBIAN OR GAY TO THE LARGER CHURCH FOR REFLECTION AND RESPONSE." FR. ROBERT NUGENT & SR. JEANNINE GRAMICK