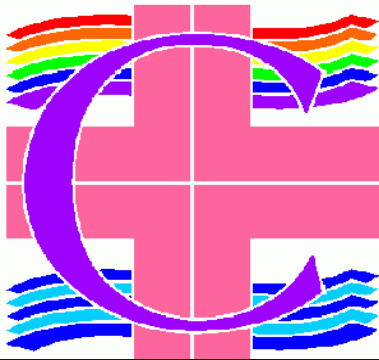


AUGUST 2008

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. We also offer numerous social events:

August 5th
NACDLGM presentation

September 2nd
Fr. Eugene Herbert

October 7th
Fr. Richard Benson on primacy of conscience

October 10th-12th
Comunidad annual retreat

November 4th
Annual Comunidad Memorial Service & Election of Officers

December 2nd
Our Lady of Guadalupe/holiday celebration!

For additional information please e-mail us or call Chris at 562-987-5191 or Ray (en Espanol) at 562-590-9309. You may also visit www.comunidadlb.org

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

Our Next Gathering: Tuesday, August 5th at 7:00 pm
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
A "sneak preview" of the upcoming NACDLGM conference will begin at 7:30, with special guest Andy Baker of MLGC. Refreshments will be served.

You won't want to miss Comunidad's very special MASS ON THE BEACH, to be celebrated Sunday, August 10th at 12:30 pm! Fr. Wil Connor will preside. Meet at the beachfront home of members Anna & Vicky, 5231 E. Ocean Blvd, Long Beach. A cookout will follow. Please bring a covered dish to share. BYOB and bring chairs if you prefer not to sit on the sand. Questions? Please contact Anna Totta at annatotta@charter.net or 562-900-6602. We look forward to seeing you there!

Weekend of Hope in Long Beach!

The 2008 National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian & Gay Ministries (NACDLGM) conference: **September 18th-21st** on the Queen Mary. Anyone involved in or concerned about the Catholic Church's outreach to LGBT people at the family, parish or diocesan level is welcome! To register or for more detailed information, please visit www.nacdlgm.org.

\$\$\$ PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ANNUAL APPEAL \$\$\$

Please consider a gift in support of our important ministry. We know people's finances are tight right now, but Comunidad simply can't exist without YOUR support. Please bring your gift to our August 5th gathering or mail it to:

Comunidad
672 Temple Ave.
Long Beach, CA 90814

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

PERSONS WITH A HOMOSEXUAL ORIENTATION MUST BE ACCEPTED WITH RESPECT, COMPASSION AND SENSITIVITY. (CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, #2358). ACCORDINGLY, THE BISHOPS OF THE UNITED STATES CONDEMN ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE, SCORN AND HATRED—WHETHER SUBTLE OR OVERT—AGAINST MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE HOMOSEXUAL. (MINISTRY TO PERSONS WITH A HOMOSEXUAL INCLINATION: GUIDELINES FOR PASTORAL CARE, USCCB, NOVEMBER, 2006).