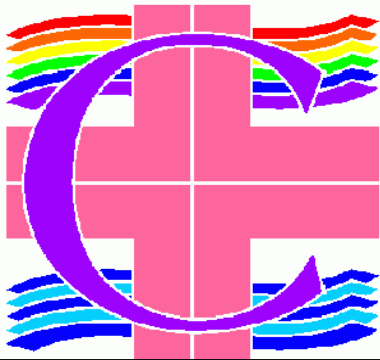


OCTOBER 2008

# COMUNIDAD

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



## Mark Your Calendar

Comunidad meets the first Tuesday of each month. We have a social time from 7:00-7:30 pm, with the program starting at 7:30. We ordinarily meet in St. Matthew's Meisel Hall.

### October 7<sup>th</sup>

Fr. Richard Benson on Primacy of Conscience

### October 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>

Comunidad annual retreat

### October 12<sup>th</sup>

Coming Out Day Service at St. Wilfrid of York Church in Huntington Beach, 6:00 pm

### October 31<sup>st</sup>

Happy Halloween!

### November 4<sup>th</sup>

Annual Memorial Service & Election of Officers

### December 2<sup>nd</sup>

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](http://www.comunidadlb.org)*

Questions? Comments? Ideas? E-Mail us at: [comunidad@comunidadlb.org](mailto:comunidad@comunidadlb.org)

**Our Next Gathering: Tuesday, Oct. 7th at 7:00 pm**  
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Fr. Richard Benson, moral theologian, will speak on the important topic "Primacy of Conscience." Refreshments will be served.

## COMUNIDAD'S ANNUAL RETREAT IS COMING: OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup>

You are invited to our fall retreat, which will take place at the beautiful Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verdes. The retreat is nearly full, so please send a \$100 deposit to Comunidad (address in the box below) today if you'd like to attend!

### *IT'S ELECTION SEASON!*

Comunidad's leadership encourages everyone to get out and vote your conscience this November re: a new U.S. president and California's Proposition 8, as well as the other important issues before us.

We also encourage you to attend our "Election Day" meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> and vote for new members to serve on our Comunidad Steering Committee.

## COMUNIDAD NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

2008 is quickly coming to an end! If you haven't yet made a gift to our 2008 Annual Appeal, we need to hear from YOU. No amount is too small in these difficult economic times, and Comunidad simply can't exist without your financial support. Please mail your contribution TODAY to:

Comunidad  
672 Temple Ave.  
Long Beach, CA 90814

If you have given your gift for 2008, **THANK YOU!!!**

DURING ITS RECENT CONFERENCE IN LONG BEACH, NACDLGM CHANGED ITS NAME TO THE CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION FOR LESBIAN & GAY MINISTRY (CALGM), OF WHICH ST. MATTHEW'S COMUNIDAD IS A PROUD MEMBER. CALGM ALSO ADOPTED THIS NEW MISSION STATEMENT: "THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST LEADS THE ASSOCIATION TO AFFIRM AND PROVIDE INCLUSIVE PASTORAL CARE WITH LESBIAN AND GAY PEOPLE, THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IN THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY."