



AUGUST 2009

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. 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.

August 4th

Experience Trinidad the movie from LA Outfest

August 22nd

Gay Men's Health Summit

September 1st

Kate Clark on Emergency Preparedness

September TBD

Bowling with Ed.
Details in Sept. newsletter.

September 18th

Mass and Potluck at St. Martin de Porres Parish, Yorba Linda. Contact Julie at (714) 744-3175 x 4406

October 3rd

Women Health Conference

October 6th

St. Mary's CARE Program

October 16th-18th

Annual Comunidad Retreat

November 3rd

Annual Memorial Service

For additional information please e-mail us or call Ray at 562-590-9309 or visit our website:

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Our Next Gathering: Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 pm
St. Matthew's Meisel Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Program information is below. Light refreshments will be served.

In 1969, Dr. Stanley Biber began conducting genital-reassignment surgeries in Trinidad, Colorado. Thousands of patients have passed through Trinidad, known as the "Sex Change Capitol of America." Trinidad the movie is an engaging documentary, which takes us through the history and the attitudes of the residents, including the Catholic Church. Join us on Tuesday August 4th for the Comunidad presentation of the movie. To leave time for discussion the movie will start promptly at 7:00 pm.

2009 Annual Retreat October 16th-18th

The annual retreat is the highlight of the Comunidad calendar. This is a time for a spiritual time-out. This year's theme is:

Flow River Flow: Navigating the waters of our life as Lesbian and Gay Catholics.

We are privileged to have Vicki Wenz, campus minister at Morehead State University, Kentucky lead our retreat. Visit website: [Vicki](#).

For retreat details and to sign up go to website: [Retreat](#)

2009 ANNUAL APPEAL

August is the last month for our annual appeal. It is needed to continue our ministry to gay and lesbian Catholics. Your support is critical. THANK YOU in advance for your generosity! Send donations to ST. Matthew's Comunidad at the above address.

Gay Men's Health Summit August 22nd

Women Health Conference October 3rd

Free Event including Health Information and Screenings

Contact Jaimie De Rosas (714) 222-2580 or Rosa Kelson at (562) 437-0791 (option 3) Ext. 224.

Questions? Comments?
Ideas? E-Mail us at:
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HELP US, O GOD, TO SEE ONE ANOTHER THROUGH YOUR EYES. TO REMEMBER THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR EVERYONE AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS. TO SHOW ONE ANOTHER THAT THERE ARE NO TICKET-TAKERS AT THE DOORS OF YOUR KINGDOM, NO ENTRANCE EXAM, NO QUALIFYING MATCH. MAY WE BECOME MIRRORS OF YOUR LOVE -- A LOVE THAT TRANSCENDS LINES AND LABELS AND DIFFERENCES -- TO EACH AND EVERY PERSON WE ENCOUNTER TODAY.
-- PRAYER OF ACCEPTANCE, PHILIP FERRARA