

Some LGBTQ Catholic Resources

Organizations:

New Ways Ministry – founded in 1977 by Sr. Jeannine Gramick, SSND, and Fr. Robert Nugent, SDS. Educates and advocates for justice and equality for LGBTQ Catholics, and reconciliation within the larger church and civil communities. Website includes lists of LGBTQ-friendly parishes and colleges - <https://www.newwaysministry.org>

Fortunate Families – originated in 1992 by Mary Ellen & Casey Lopata and other Catholic parents. A Catholic family, friends and allies ministry that supports LGBTQ+ by facilitating respectful conversation and sharing personal stories within dioceses, parishes and communities, especially with bishops, pastors and Church leadership. By accompaniment and bridge building they seek to uphold and safeguard the dignity of LGBTQ+ daughters and sons of God. Website includes “*Our Stories*” - <https://www.fortunatefamilies.com>

- <http://bit.ly/FrMartin-FortunateFamilies>

DignityUSA – founded in 1969 by Fr. Patrick Nidorf, OSA. Organized to unite LGBTQ+ Catholics, as well as our families, friends and loved ones in order to develop leadership, and be an instrument through which we may be heard by and promote reform in the Church. <https://www.dignityusa.org>

Call to Action – Founded in 1978, CTA educates, inspires and activates Catholics to act for justice and build inclusive communities through a lens of anti-racism and anti-oppression principles. <https://cta-usa.org/focus-areas/lgbt-justice/>

Global Network of Rainbow Catholics – Originated in Rome, Italy, in 2014 - <http://rainbowcatholics.org>

PFLAG – Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, <https://pflag.org> Colorado Springs Chapter: <http://www.cspflag.org/>

- <http://bit.ly/PFLAGawardtoFrMartin>
- <https://pflag.org/resource/faith-our-families>

Human Rights Campaign – Founded in 1980, it is the nation’s largest LGBTQ+ civil rights organization - <http://www.hrc.org>

- <https://www.hrc.org/resources/coming-home-to-catholicism-and-to-self>

Publications:

“Building a Bridge – How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity” – Fr. James Martin, SJ, revised and expanded – 2018.

“Faith Beyond Resentment: Fragments Catholic and Gay,” James Alison, 2001. [Author is a gay Catholic theologian and former Dominican priest.]

“Fortunate Families – Catholic Families with Lesbian Daughters and Gay Sons” - Mary Ellen and Casey Lopata, 2003.

“Are there Closets in Heaven? – a Catholic Father and Lesbian Daughter Share Their Story” - Carol Curoe & Robert Curoe, 2007.

“Gay and Catholic – Accepting My Sexuality, Finding Community, Living My Faith” - Eve Tushnet, 2014. [Note: the author abides with Church teaching and remains celibate.]

“Changing Our Mind – a call from America’s leading Evangelical ethics scholar for full acceptance of LGBT Christians in the church” - David P. Gushee, 2nd edition - 2015.

“The Bible’s YES to Same-Sex Marriage – an Evangelical’s Change of Heart” – Mark Achtemeier, revised 2015.

“UnClobber – Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality” – Colby Martin, 2016. [Evangelical]

“Embracing the Journey “ – as beautifully shared by Greg & Lynn McDonald, Christian parents of a gay Christian son, 2019. [Evangelical]

“Always Our Children – a Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual Children and Suggestions for Pastoral Ministers,” US Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1997 <http://bit.ly/USCCB-AlwaysOurChildren>

“Always Our Children – 20 Years Later” – background and reflection by Mary Ellen & Casey Lopata, 2017 – <http://bit.ly/2uCR1dQ>

LGBT-friendly Catholic communities in the Pikes Peak region:

These communities did not ask to be mentioned here, nor did I ask their permission. Their inclusion is based solely on my personal observation:

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

719-633-8711 -

http://www.tricomunity.org/mass_schedule_sacred_heart

2030 West Colorado Avenue, Colorado Springs 80904

Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Community

719-495-2351 – <http://www.ourladyofthepines.org>

11020 Teachout Road, Black Forest 80908

Benet Hill Monastery – Benedictine Sisters

719-633-0655 - <https://www.benethillmonastery.org>

3190 Benet Lane, Colorado Springs 80921

Also:

“Journey” - a loving and affirming Catholic support group for parents of a LGBTQ child. Began at Holy Apostles Catholic Church in 2014.

Normally meets 2nd Thursdays, 7:00 pm, at Sacred Heart Church.

Contacts to confirm meeting and/or for more information:

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