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# OUTWARD SIGNS

**The Sixth National  
Symposium on Catholicism  
and Homosexuality**

**MARCH 16-18, 2007  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA**



*For Catholic leaders,  
ministers, laity, educators,  
lesbian/gay persons and  
their family, friends,  
and advocates*


## Lesbian/Gay Catholics in a Sacramental Church

Perhaps no idea is more basic to Catholic identity and understanding than that sacraments impart and celebrate the grace that God so freely and abundantly gives us. These rituals are essential to the way we compose our lives, our relationships, our purpose and ministry in the world, our community of faith, and our connection to the divine.

Coinciding as they do with turning points and watersheds in our personal development, they become for Catholics major guideposts for how we live and love. That the sacraments are being systematically denied scandalizes many inside and outside the Church.

Whether it be the vexing questions of the definition of marriage in civil and ecclesial sectors, the banning of gay men from ordination to the priesthood, the denial of the Eucharist to lesbian/gay people in committed relationships, these difficult issues call the Catholic community to examine, reflect, and discuss some of the most basic features of our religious identity.

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# ■ Plenary Session Speakers ■



Brian McNaught

## *Baptism and the Experience of "Coming Out"*

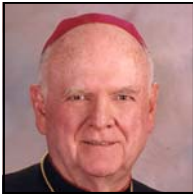
**BRIAN MCNAUGHT** is a leading educator and author on GLBT issues. A "pioneer" in raising awareness, he publicly fasted in 1974 because of being fired from a diocesan newspaper when his orientation became known. His videos are regularly aired on public television stations.

## *Matrimony and Same-Sex Relationships*

**MARGARET FARLEY, RSM**, is a Professor of Christian Ethics at Yale University Divinity School. She has served as president of the Society of Christian Ethics and the Catholic Theological Society of America and promoted education and funding for women in Africa with HIV-AIDS.



Margaret Farley, RSM

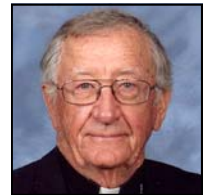


Archbishop  
Francis Hurley

## *Healing our Wounds and Building a Eucharistic Community*

**ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS HURLEY** was Assistant General Secretary of the Bishops' Conference for 13 years during the time of Vatican II. He served as bishop in Juneau and as Archbishop of Anchorage until 2001.

**BISHOP LEROY MATTHIESEN**, a long-time member and awardee of the Catholic Press Association, served as Bishop of Amarillo (1980-1997). A member of Pax Christi USA, he is known best for his prophetic witness against nuclear weapons manufacturing in the Texas Panhandle.



Bishop  
Leroy Matthiesen



Bishop  
Joseph Sullivan

**BISHOP JOSEPH SULLIVAN**, a prominent national leader in social services and social justice, served as Auxiliary Bishop of Brooklyn (1980-2005). He chaired the Social Development and World Peace Department of the Bishops' Conference.

## *Ordination to the Priesthood and Gay Men*

**RICHARD P. MCBRIEN** is a Professor of Theology at the University of Notre Dame. An ecclesologist, author of numerous books, and a past president of the Catholic Theological Society of America, Fr. McBrien is a nationally syndicated columnist for the Catholic press.



Richard P. McBrien



Helen Prejean, CSJ

## *Reconciliation, Liberation, and Lesbian/Gay People*

**HELEN PREJEAN, CSJ**, an internationally-renowned advocate against the death penalty, counsels inmates on death row and families of murder victims. Her book, *Dead Man Walking*, translated into ten languages, topped bestseller lists across the globe, and was the basis for an Oscar-winning film, opera, and play.

**Pre-symposium conference for parents and families, campus personnel, youth, pastoral ministers**

## UNCHARTED WATERS AND DARING IMAGINATION: FAITH AND COMING OUT

**March 16, 2007, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

Faith is normally passed on through elements of continuity in growing up, but discovering oneself GLBT is usually experienced as a rupture in "fitting in." How does the gift of faith itself enable one to navigate through some of the white water rapids into being a bold and serene LGBT person of faith?

How can "coming out" be reframed as part of a process of forgiveness, of discovering merciful equality with others, of forging intergenerational sibling relations, of learning gentleness towards fragility? How can "coming out" be the beginning of creating "home" anew?

This day will help us shift away from thinking of GLBT persons as victims into honoring their gifts in the future transmission of the Catholic faith.

# ■ Symposium Schedule ■

## Friday, March 16, 2007

- 1:00 PM *Symposium Registration Opens*  
 6:30 PM **Plenary Session**  
*Welcome, Opening Prayer, Introductions*  
 BRIAN MCNAUGHT—*Baptism and the Experience of Coming Out*  
 9:30 PM *Reception*

## Saturday, March 17, 2007

- 7:30 AM *Continental Breakfast*  
 8:30 AM **Plenary Session**  
*Morning Prayer*  
 MARGARET FARLEY, RSM—*Matrimony and Same-Sex Relationships*  
 10:45 AM *Coffee/Tea Break*  
 11:15 AM *Focus Session 1*

- MICHAEL BAYLY AND JULIE MADDEN—*Breaking Bread: Lesbian/Gay Parish Ministry*
- SHARON CASEY, OP—*Lesbian Nuns: Steps, Stumbles, and Strides*
- FRAN FERDER, FSPA—*Sacraments, Psychology, and Lesbian/Gay People*
- CHRISTINE GUDORF—*Intersex, Transgendered Persons, and the Sacraments*
- DIANA HAYES—*The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Homophobia*
- LUKE TIMOTHY JOHNSON—*Word Made Flesh: Scripture and Homosexuality*
- ANTHONY KALL, OFM CONV—*Gay Men in the Priesthood and Religious Life*
- BRENDA KIRBY—*US Catholic Attitudes toward Homosexuality*

- DANIEL MAGUIRE—*Conscience and Same-Sex Marriage*
  - GREGORY MAGUIRE—*Gay Parenting in a Sacramental Church*
- 12:30 PM *Break*  
 12:45 PM *Luncheon*  
 1:45 PM *Focus Session 2*  
 ■ *Same Choices as Focus Session 1*  
 3:00 PM *Break*  
 3:15 PM **Plenary Session**  
*Panel: Healing our Wounds and Building a Eucharistic Community—*  
 ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS HURLEY,  
 BISHOP LEROY MATTHIESEN,  
 AND BISHOP JOSEPH SULLIVAN  
 5:40 PM *Prayer of Healing and Community*  
 6:00 PM *Reception*  
 6:30 PM *Dinner (on your own)*  
 8:00 PM *Open Space*

## Sunday, March 18, 2007

- 7:30 AM *Continental Breakfast*  
 8:30 AM **Plenary Session**  
*Morning Prayer*  
 RICHARD MCBRIEN—*Ordination to the Priesthood and Gay Men*  
 10:30 AM *Coffee/Tea Break*  
 11:00 AM **Eucharist**  
*Closing Reflections*  
 HELEN PREJEAN, CSJ—*Reconciliation, Liberation, and Lesbian/Gay People*  
 1:30 PM *Departure*

## PRESENTER

**JAMES ALISON** is a priest, theologian, retreat leader, and author, who has ministered in Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Bolivia, the United States, and his native Britain. He is the author of *Knowing Jesus, Raising Abel, The Joy of Being Wrong, Faith Beyond Resentment, On Being Liked*, and most recently *Undergoing God*.



James Alison

## SCHEDULE

- 8:00 AM *Registration and Continental Breakfast*  
 9:00 AM *Welcome, Morning Prayer, Introductions*  
 9:30 AM JAMES ALISON—*Navigating Uncharted Waters: The Gift of Faith and Growing Up GLBT*  
 10:30 AM *Break*  
 10:45 AM *Discussion Tracks: Campus Personnel, Parents And Families, Youth & Students, Pastoral Ministers*  
 12:00 PM *Lunch*  
 1:00 PM JAMES ALISON—*The Shape of a Daring Imagination: Coming Out and Coming Home*  
 2:00 PM *Discussion Tracks*  
 3:15 PM *Plenary Session—Future Plans*  
 3:45 PM *Closing Prayer*  
 4:00 PM *Conclusion*

### **Early Bird Registration Deadline: 12/31/2006**

Register early and receive big discounts on the pre-symposium conference and all symposium days. See registration form on back for details.

# ■ Focus Session Leaders ■



Michael Bayly

## ***Breaking Bread: Gay and Lesbian Parish Ministry***

**MICHAEL BAYLY** is the executive director of the Catholic Pastoral Committee on Sexual Minorities in the Twin Cities and coordinator of its Safe Schools Project.

**JULIE MADDEN** is the Social Justice/Pastoral Ministry Coordinator at St. Joan of Arc Parish, Minneapolis and an organizer of a network of parishes committed to the inclusion of GLBT individuals.



Julie Madden



Sharon Casey, OP

## ***Lesbian Nuns: Steps, Stumbles, and Strides***

**SHARON CASEY, OP**, serves on the leadership team of the Tacoma Dominican Sisters and is director of campus ministry at Holy Names University, Oakland, CA. Her doctoral research focused on the spiritual needs of lesbian women alienated from the church.

## ***Sacraments, Psychology, and Lesbian/Gay People***

**FRAN FERDER, FSPA**, a clinical psychologist, is a co-founder of Therapy and Renewal Associates, a counseling and consultation resource in the Pacific Northwest. She has authored books and taught courses related to human relationships, intimacy, sexuality, and communication.



Fran Ferder, FSPA



Christine Gudorf

## ***Intersex, Transgendered Persons, and the Sacraments***

**CHRISTINE GUDORF** is Professor and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Florida International University. Among her numerous publications are two books and dozens of articles on the specific issues of sex and gender in theology.

## ***The Sacrament of Reconciliation and Homophobia***

**DIANA L. HAYES** is an Associate Professor of Systematic Theology at Georgetown University. Her areas of specialization include U.S. liberation theologies, religion and public life, and African American and womanist spirituality and theology.



Diana L. Hayes



Luke Timothy Johnson

## ***Word Made Flesh: Scripture and Homosexuality***

**LUKE TIMOTHY JOHNSON** is a Professor of New Testament and Christian Origins at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. A former Benedictine monk, he is the author of more than 20 books, including *The Real Jesus* and *The Creed*.

## ***Gay Men in the Priesthood and Religious Life***

**TONY KALL, OFM CONV.**, is pastor of Holy Family Parish in Albany, NY, and leads retreats for the GLBT community and family members. He is a member of the Diocesan Committee for Ongoing Education and Formation of Priests.



Tony Hall, OFM Conv.



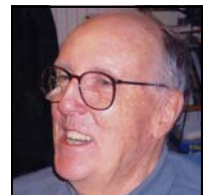
Brenda Kirby

## ***US Catholic Attitudes toward Homosexuality***

**BRENDA KIRBY** is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY. In addition to writing and research on topics of class, race, stereotypes, and prejudice, she is involved in quantitative research about sexuality from Catholic perspectives.

## ***Conscience and Same-Sex Marriage***

**DANIEL MAGUIRE** is Professor of Theology at Marquette University, specializing in Systematics and Ethics. He is the author of eleven books, including *The Moral Choice*, and the recent pamphlet "A Catholic Defense of Same-Sex Marriage."



Daniel Maguire



Gregory Maguire

## ***Gay Parenting in a Sacramental Church***

**GREGORY MAGUIRE** is the author of more than a dozen novels for children and several for adults. He is best-known for his book *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, which has been adapted into the Tony-award winning Broadway musical show, *Wicked*.

# ■ Endorsers of the Sixth National Symposium ■


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## → Special Air Fares

**Northwest Airlines**, the official carrier for the Symposium weekend, is offering 10% off fares with purchase at least 30 days before departure, and a 5% discount for less than 30 day advance purchase. Special fares apply March 13-21, 2007.

 **Call Northwest at 1-800-328-1111**, Monday thru Friday, 7 am – 7:30 pm CT and provide the worldfile number, **NMA68**.

To register on-line, go to [www.nwa.com](http://www.nwa.com). Under the Deals & News column and the Flights tab, click on "NWA Discount Travel E-Cert Redemption," at the bottom. On the Flight Search screen, click Login. Enter your WorldPerks number or login as Guest. Complete the Flight Search section and go to the bottom where you see 'Do you have an E-Cert Fare, electronic voucher or meeting agreement?' At "select type," put "Meeting agreement (WorldFile number)" and enter NMA68 in the Meeting WorldFile Number box. Complete the transaction.

 **Complimentary shuttle service** between Minneapolis airport and Sheraton Bloomington Hotel.



## Hotel Information


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 Minneapolis, Minnesota 55439  
 Phone (952) 835-7800  
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**Room rates** (plus 13.5% tax):

**\$99 (single or double)      \$109 (triple)      \$119 (quad)**

Check in is at 3:00 pm; check out is at noon. Special room rates apply March 13-20, 2007.

 The hotel offers complimentary parking.

 **For hotel reservations, call toll free: 866-837-4278** or on the web at:  
<http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/NWMS>  
 Mention New Ways Ministry to secure special rates.

**Reservations must be received before 5 pm, local hotel time, Feb. 20, 2007 to assure accommodations at special rates.**



# ■ Registration Form ■

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization/Parish/Diocese \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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I learned of the Symposium through \_\_\_\_\_ (email)

**I wish to register for:**

	<u>Early bird</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Late</u>	<u>Student</u>
___ <b>Friday night through Sunday &amp; pre-symposium conference</b>	<b>\$225</b>	\$265	\$305	\$85
___ <b>Friday night through Sunday</b>	<b>\$175</b>	\$200	\$225	\$65
___ <b>Friday night only</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>	\$ 65	\$ 75	\$20
___ <b>All day Saturday</b>	<b>\$110</b>	\$125	\$140	\$40
___ <b>Bishops' panel &amp; reception</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>	\$ 85	\$ 95	\$25
___ <b>Sunday only</b>	<b>\$ 55</b>	\$ 65	\$ 75	\$20
___ <b>Pre-symposium conference</b>	<b>\$ 80</b>	\$ 95	\$110	\$30

**Early bird:** Postmarked **on/before Dec. 31, 2006**  
**Late:** Postmarked **after Feb. 20, 2007**  
**Students:** **Include copy of current student ID**

*Four or more people who mail registration forms in the same envelope before Feb. 20, 2007 will receive the early bird rate.*

**Enclosed is a check for my total registration fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to "New Ways Ministry." Credit cards not accepted. International registrants, use checks drawn on a U.S. bank. Registration includes a \$50 non-refundable cancellation fee.**

**For weekend symposium, please indicate first and second focus session preferences with a #1 and #2**

- \_\_\_ A. Michael Bayly & Julie Madden—*Breaking Bread: Gay and Lesbian Parish Ministry*
- \_\_\_ B. Sharon Casey, OP—*Lesbian Nuns: Steps, Stumbles, and Strides*
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**For Friday Pre-Symposium Conference Day only, please indicate your discussion track preference:**

\_\_\_ Campus Personnel      \_\_\_ Parents and Families      \_\_\_ Youth & Students      \_\_\_ Pastoral Ministers

**Special Needs**

\_\_\_ Sign language interpretation      \_\_\_ Vegetarian luncheon      \_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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