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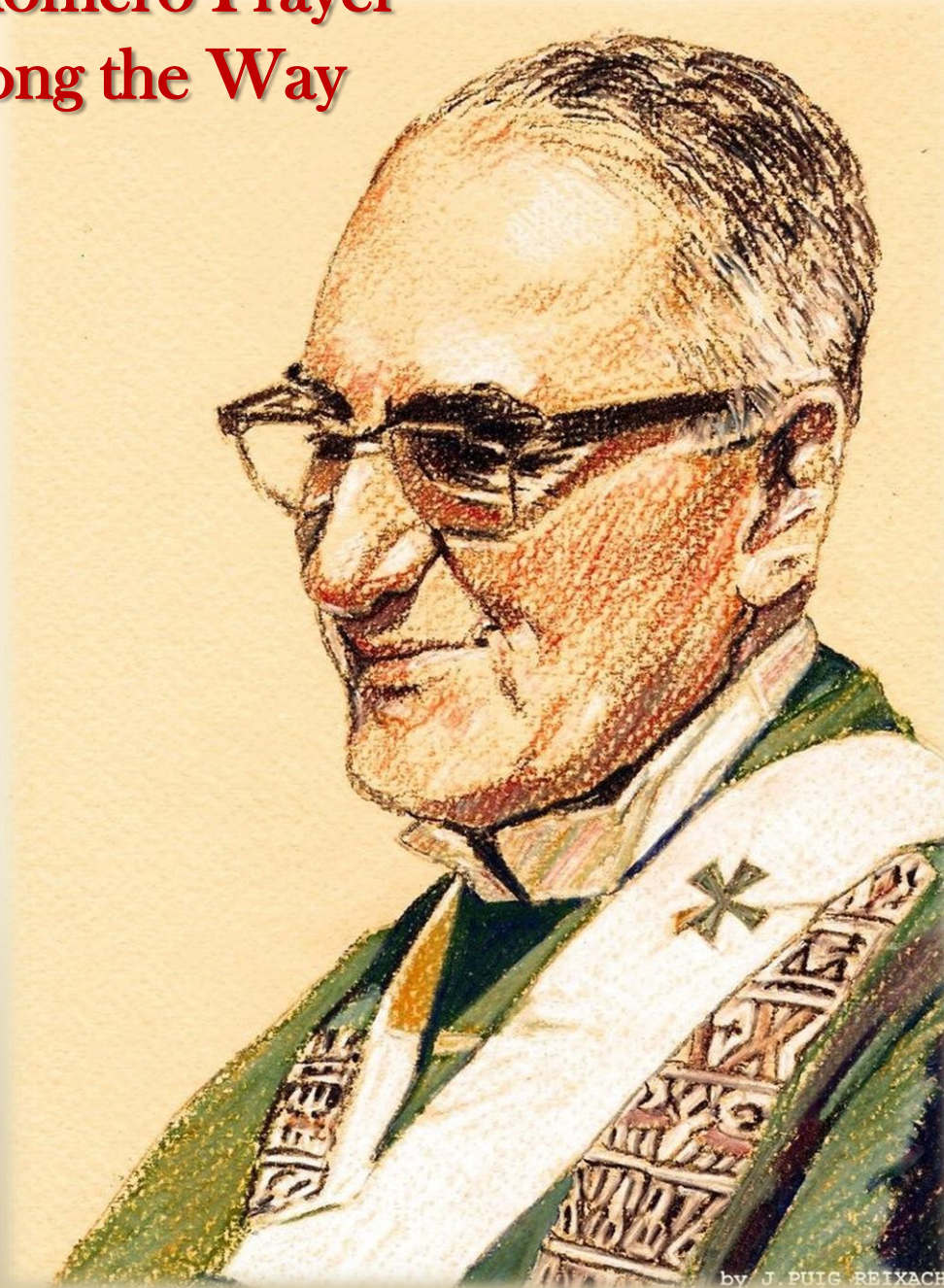
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not rejected.” All Communication with Courage is**

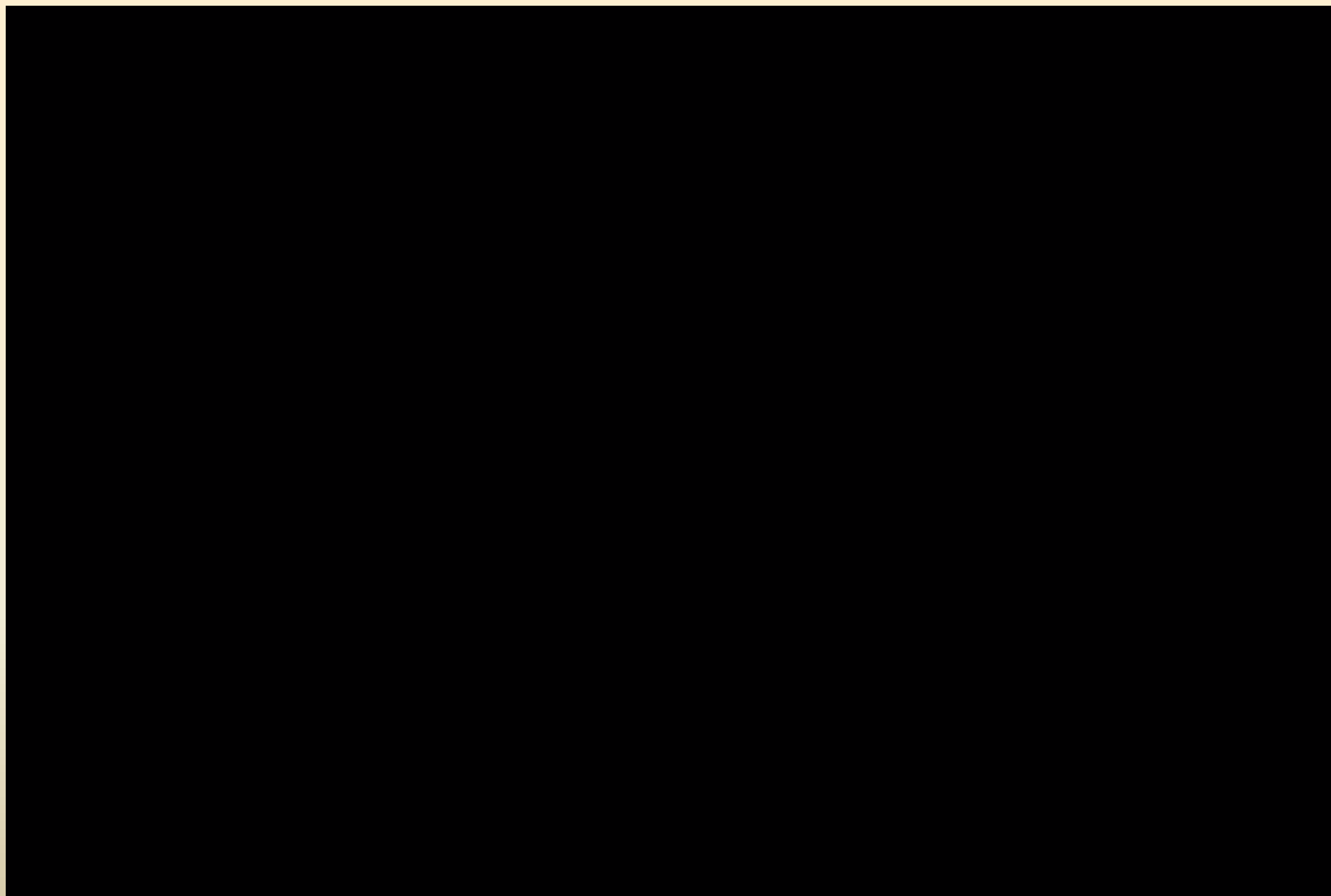
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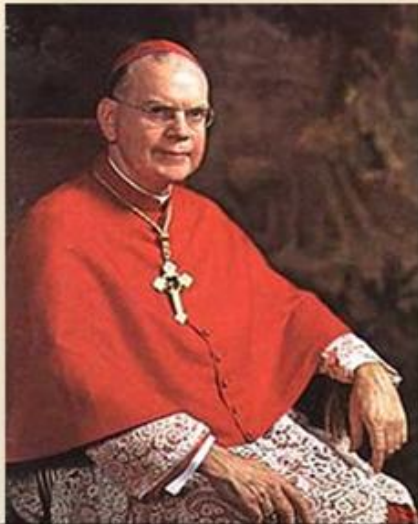
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A Step Along the Way





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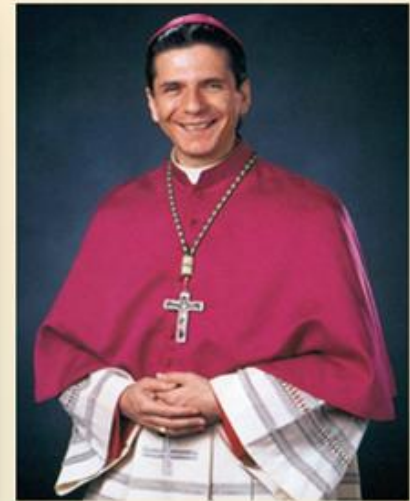
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**“Don't Call Me Gay. Call Me Catholic. ...
You are Hurting Me.”**



**Avera Maria Santo
“Inside My Holy of
Holies.”**

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Same Sex Attraction, Homosexuality, and Gay, is there a Difference?

Sexuality is part of our natural makeup to desire sexual gratification. Mankind was created with sexual desires, and **it is consistent with God's plan** for us to engage in sexual relations open to **procreation within marriage and complementarity**.

Sexuality affects all aspects of the human person in the unity of his body and soul...
(Chastity)

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Specifically affectivity: Capacity to love and to procreate, and in more general way the aptitude for forming bonds of communion with others and a love:

-Permanent.

-Fruitful.

(CCC 2332)



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Same-Sex Attraction: SSA refers to emotional, physical, or sexual attraction (not behavior) to a person of the same gender. The experience of SSA is not the same for everyone. Some people may feel totally attracted to the same gender, while others may feel attracted to both genders. (Bisexual)

Persons with SSA are called to the same moral standard as people with heterosexual desires (Chastity): sexual activity outside of the sacrament of marriage is immoral for anyone and everyone.

(Letters to the Bishops -USCCB- on SSA)

SSA Inclination and Behavior?

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People who experience SSA or identify as “**gay, lesbian, or bisexual**” [feelings] can make and keep covenants with God and fully and worthily participate in the Church. **[NO ONE IS EXCLUDED FROM THE CHURCH]**

Identifying as “**gay, lesbian, or bisexual**” or experiencing **SSA** is not a sin and does not prohibit one from participating in the Church or attending the temple.

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Important: “The Church doesn’t label anybody as gay, homosexual, straight, heterosexual, lesbian, etc..”



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Act, Inclination, and Person:

The distinction between homosexual acts, homosexual inclination, and the person who is homosexual is crucial for making a true and fair moral assessment of homosexuality. We must hold together three truths: **first, homosexual *acts*** are objectively sinful; **second, homosexual *inclination*** is disordered, but not objectively sinful, and; **third, all unfair discrimination** against homosexual *persons* is to be condemned. (USCCB)

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Gay Person? Homosexuals who regard their attraction as disordered are not “gay” and do not describe themselves as gays.

In Consequence **“Not all homosexuals are gay.”**

“Gay” is a self identity chosen by some homosexuals. The Gay identified-person, identifies himself with the idea that **homosexual behavior is as normal and natural as heterosexual behavior.**

Same Sex Attraction: A Parent's Guide. “The Gay Deception” – Joseph Nicholsi, PhD.

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Where the word “Gay” come from/meaning?

According to David Wilton an independent researcher in historical linguistics, etymology, and slang origins:

“The modern use of gay comes from a clipping of GAY CAT, a slang term among hobos and itinerants meaning a boy or young man who accompanies an older, more experienced tramp, with the implication of sexual favors being exchanged for protection [Money/Material Things] and instruction.”

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The **GAY-CATS** are men who will work for “**very good money**,” and are usually in the West in the autumn to take advantage of the high wages offered to laborers during the harvest season.

The word *gay* by the 1890s had an overall hint of promiscuity – **a gay house was a brothel**. The suggestion of immorality in the word can be traced back at least to the 1630s

(Online Etymology Dictionary)

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Where the word “Gay” come from/meaning?

“Slang meaning “homosexual” (adj.) begins to appear in psychological writing late 1940s, evidently picked up from gay slang and not always easily distinguished from the older sense.” (Online Etymology Dictionary)

<https://www.etymonline.com/word/gay>

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Where the word “Lesbian” come from/meaning?

The word lesbian is derived from the name of the Greek island of Lesbos, home to the 6th-century BCE poet Sappho. From various ancient writings...

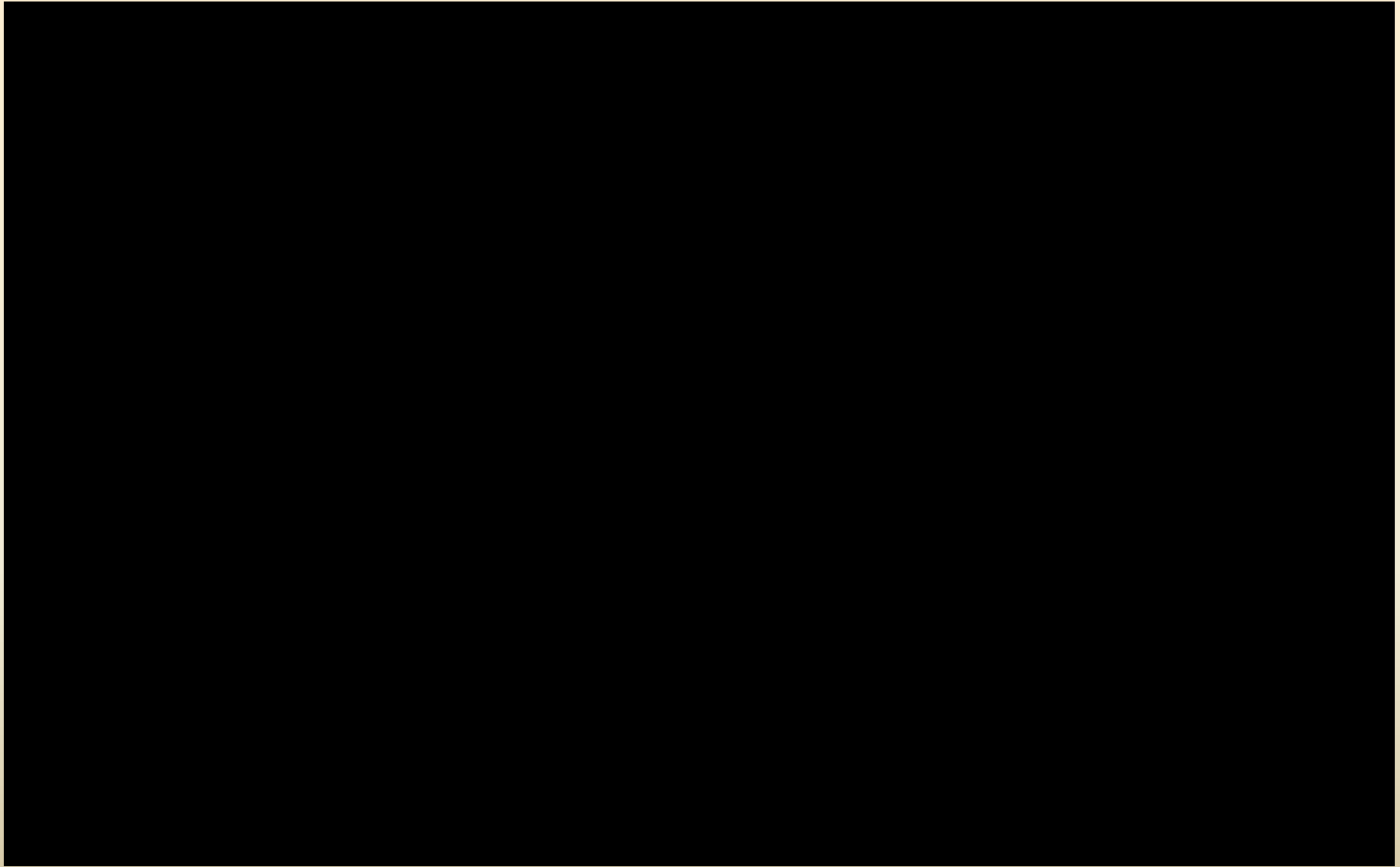
She wrote about: women's daily lives, their relationships, and rituals. She focused on the beauty of women and proclaimed her love **[sexual intimacy]** for girls.

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Sappho (1877) by Charles Mengin (1853–1933). One tradition claims that Sappho committed suicide by jumping off the Leucadian (Island) cliff.

Does God make a person (born) Gay?



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"Homosexuality is not 'normal.' On the contrary, it is a challenge to the norm; some people are claiming that there is no norm, since everything is relative and contingent.

Nature exists, whether academics like it or not. And in nature, procreation is the single, relentless rule. That is the norm. Our sexual bodies were designed for reproduction. Penis fits vagina; no fancy linguistic game-playing can change that biologic fact."



Camille Anna Paglia is an American feminist academic and social critic.

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“[T]here is not any evidence that shows that homosexuality is 'genetic,' and none of the research itself claims there is. Homosexuality may run in families, but you get viruses from your parents too, and some bad habits. Not everything that is familial is innate or genetic.”

According to Jeffrey Satinover, MD, [Psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, physicist] Founder and former Director of the Sterling Institute for Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Medicine,

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Gay is a fictitious identity used by an individual to resolve painful emotional challenges. It is often a sincere but always misguided, attempt to cope with real problems, even though tragically, by denying significant aspects of human identity and reality.

Three Aspects: 1) Childhood unresolved problems.
2) Assimilation into the Gay counterculture.
3) “Gay” community/environment.

Joseph Nicolosi, Ph.D. founder and president of the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH)



UNDERSTANDING SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

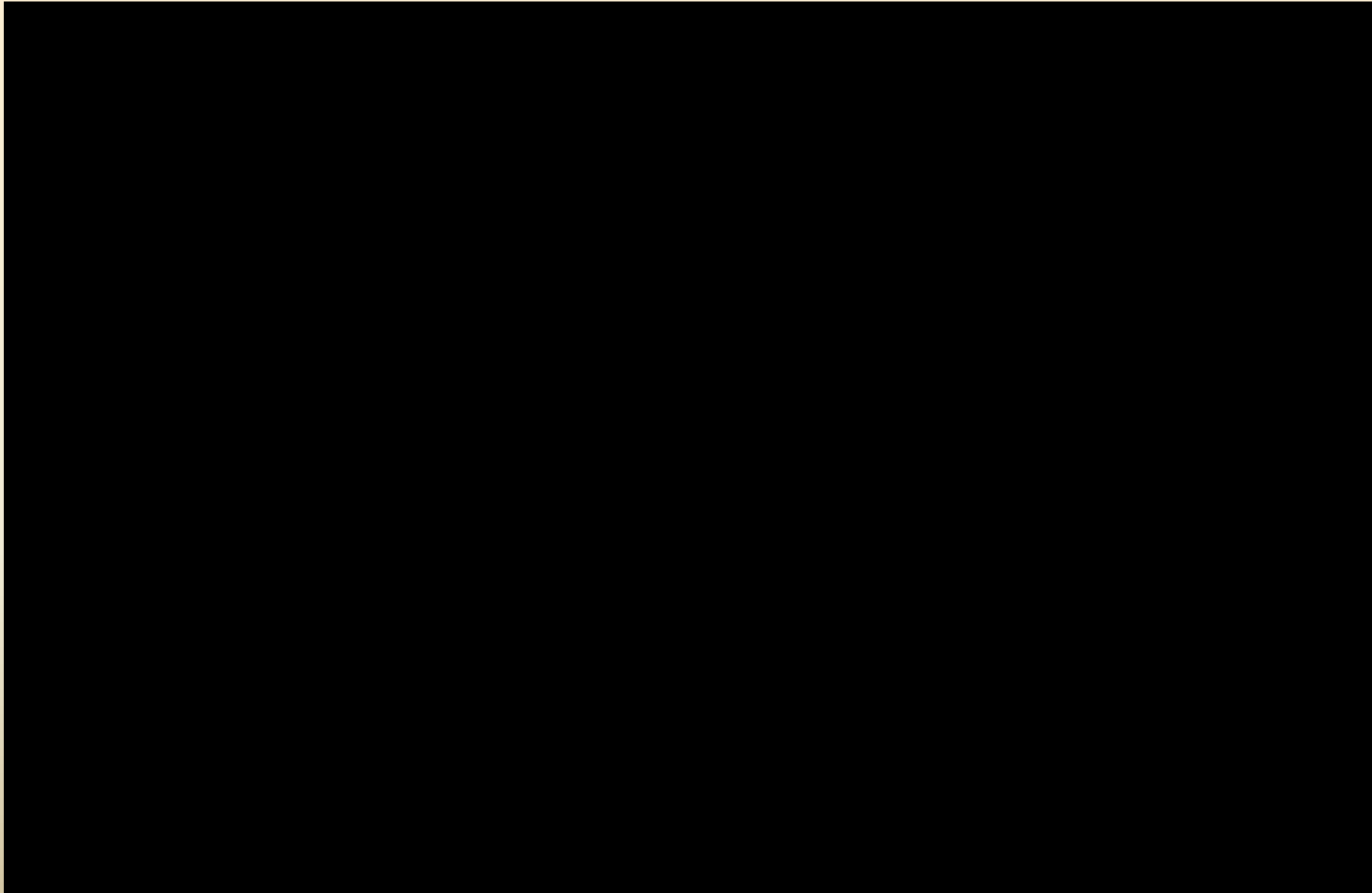
Homosexuality is not a question of sex, is a question of misperception about identity.



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MORTAL VS VENIAL SIN



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Who Am I to Judge?

What sin is an offense in itself, a serious matter which does not kill the soul, yet displeases God and often leads to mortal sin. It is called venial because it is more easily pardoned than mortal sin.

Welcome to My Parish

Transgender - Transsexual

“Transgender is an umbrella term for persons whose gender identity, gender expression or behavior **“does not conform”** to that typically associated with the sex to which they were born.” **American Psychological Association.**

The Sex [gender] of a human being has been and continues determined biologically, It is not a matter of opinion or desire to change.

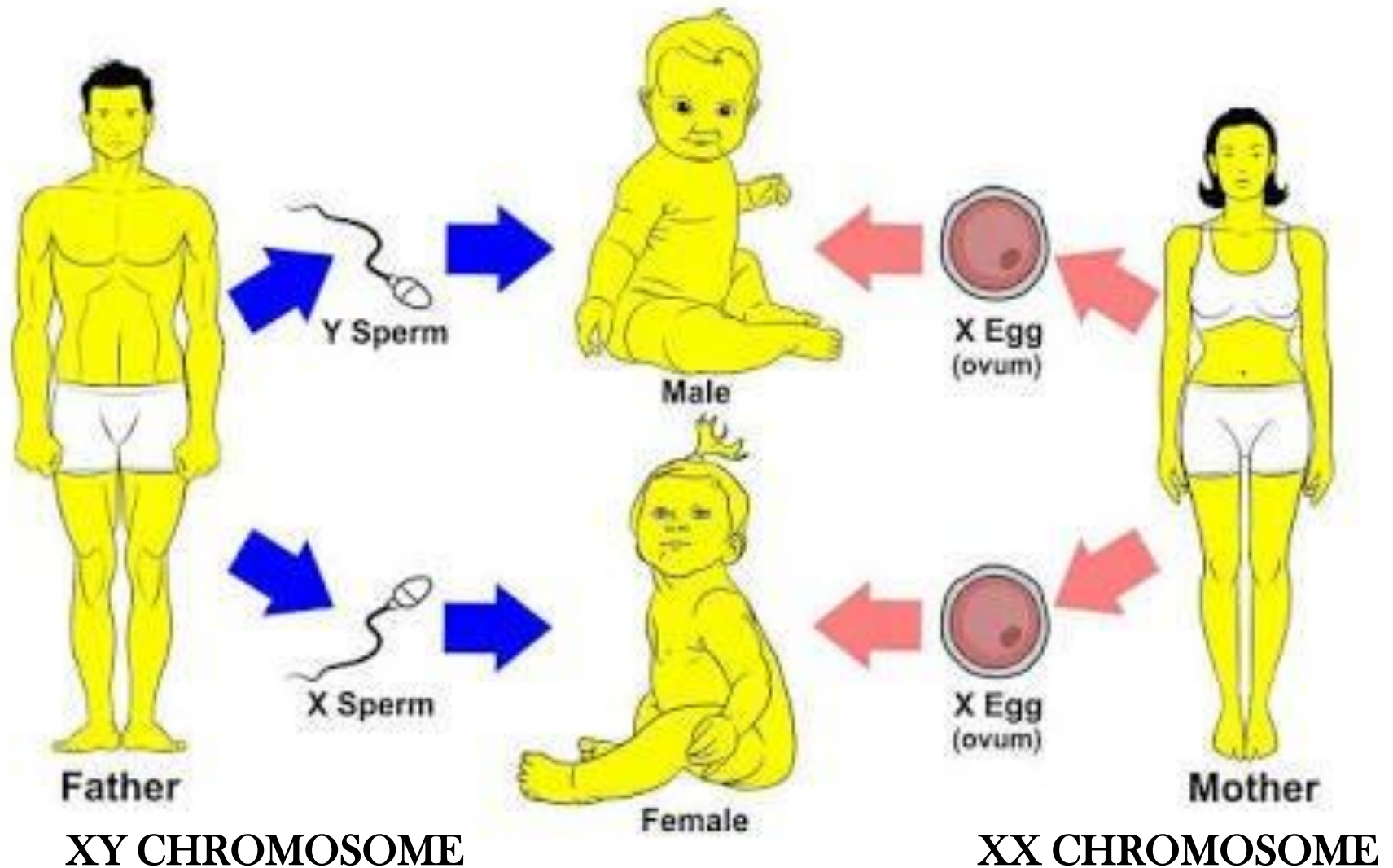
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Those who identify as **TRANSGENDER** claim that their gender/their self identification is as a man or woman and doesn't match their biological sex. A “**Transgender man**” is a biological woman who now identifies as man. A “**Transgender woman**” is a biological man who now identifies as woman.

TRANSSEXUAL is a person who feels he or she belongs to the opposite sex, and has a desire to assume the physical characteristics and gender role of the opposite sex. Some transsexuals choose to have gender reassignment surgery – including hormone treatment, hair replacement and breasts treatment.

Who Determines the Sex of a Child?

Genetics - Sex Determination



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God's plan...
You can't do this in
your own.



XY CHROMOSOME

XX CHROMOSOME

Transgender - Transsexual

The following are the 58 gender options identified by ABC News: Agender, Androgyne, Androgynous, Bigender, Cisgender, Cis Female, Cis Male, Cisgender Female, Cisgender Male, Cisgender Man, Cisgender Woman, FTM, Gender Fluid, Gender Nonconforming, Gender Questioning, Gender Variant, Genderqueer, Intersex, Male to Female, MTF, Neither, Neutrois, Non-binary, Other, Pangender, Trans, Trans Female, Trans Man, Trans Woman, Transfeminine, Transgender, Transgender Female, Transgender Male, Transgender Man, Transgender Person, Transgender Woman, Transmasculine, Transsexual, Transsexual Female, Transsexual Male, Transsexual Man, Transsexual Person, Transsexual Woman. Two-Spirit, Queer.

What the Church Teaches us...!!!



The purpose of the sacraments is to make people holy, to build up the body of Christ, and finally, to give worship to God; but being signs, they also have a teaching function. They not only presuppose faith, but by words and object[actions].

Freely Choosing faith: (1) Believe the truths of the [Catholic] faith. (2) Live according to the moral code. (3) Grow in the gift of divine life.



LLE – Caring for the Parish Community.

- Catechesis- Leaders of the Ministries including the Pastor(s)/Deacons. (Important/priority).
- Faith Formation Classes. –CCD, RCIA, Seminars, Presentations (Life Teen).
- A good start “Mandatory Theology of the Body” at all levels.

Faith Formation: The Catechesis must not shy away from an honest discussion of sexual complementarity as an intrinsic element of human identity and the obligation to “acknowledge and accept his sexual identity.” (USCCB)



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•Participation in the life of the Parish:

- Being in full communion with the Catholic Church, able to minister joyfully and faithfully within the **hierarchical communion** that is the Church.
- Zeal to live a Christian life**, and willingness to live and teach as the magisterium teaches.
- Lay ecclesial ministers serve **publicly** in the local church, so they need to accept this role with fidelity and loyalty and be able to fill it with integrity, fully versed in authentic Church teaching, and supportive. (Co-Workers in the Vineyard-USCCB)



CHURCH SACRAMENTS



Baptism of a Same-Sex Couple Child's: “The Church does not support the adoption of children by same-sex couples **since homosexual unions are contrary to the divine plan.** Baptism of children in the care of same-sex couples presents a serious pastoral concern. Nevertheless, **the Church does not refuse the Sacrament of Baptism to these children,** but there must be a well founded hope that the children will be brought up into the Catholic religion. In those cases where Baptism is permitted, pastoral ministers should exercise prudential judgment when preparing baptismal ceremonies. Also, in preparing the baptismal record, a distinction should be made between natural parents and adoptive parents.” **Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination: Guidelines for Pastoral Care**

Dear Catechists: “Believe what you read.
Teach what you believe.
Practice what you teach.”

Exercise: Prudence, Patience, Docility
to the Spirit and Encouragement. (LLE).

- Vocation (*The 72 of the XXI Century*)
and Identity (*Children of God*) .

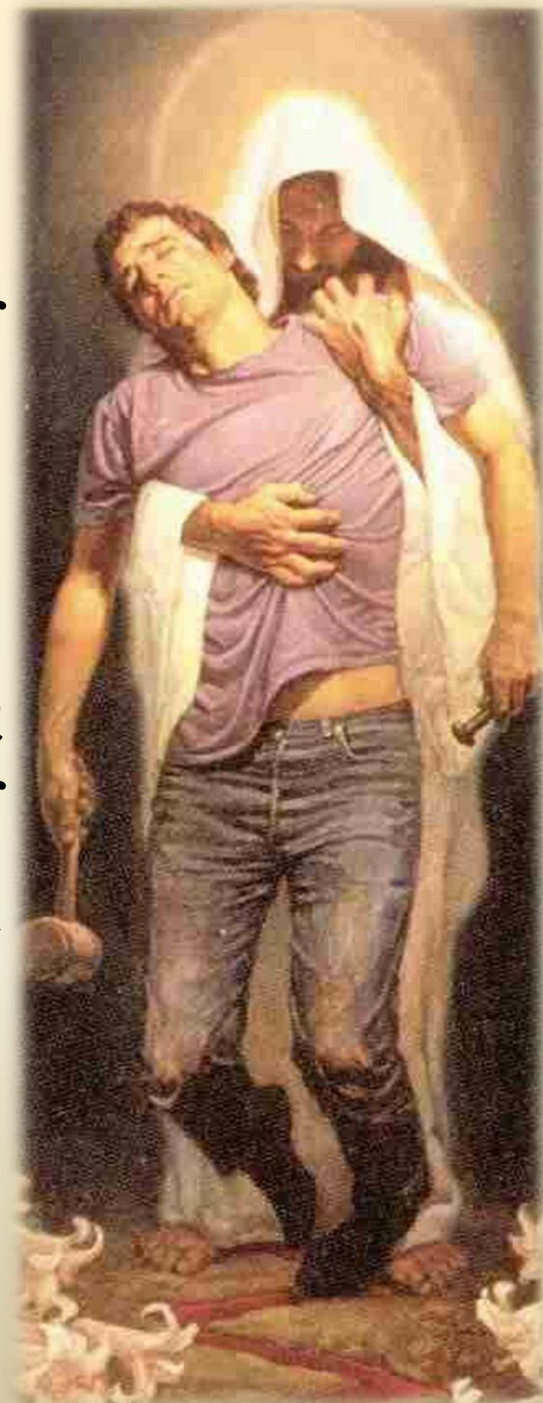
- The Mission of the Church is to bring
the Good News to every Creature. -You
are representing the Church.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is
useful to teach us what is true and to
make us realize what is wrong in our
lives.” 2Tm. 3:16



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- Educate yourself in the topic of Homosexuality.
- The Necessity for Training in Virtue. (Live what you believe.)
- Church policies should explicitly reject unjust discrimination and harassment of any persons, including those with a homosexual inclination. (USCCB)



“Christian life requires a willingness to love. And I don’t mean “love,” the theory, or “love,” the warm feeling. I mean “love,” the act of will, the act of courage. Real love is always expensive. Real love is always based in the truth about ourselves and about others. And while the truth will make us free “nobody said it would make us comfortable. The human heart is created for the truth, and the truth is meant for the human heart.”

Charles Chaput - Archbishop of Philadelphia

“For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.” - 2 Tm. 4: 2-3





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