

## Office for Religious Education Archdiocese of Washington Selected Books & Resources on Homosexuality

### Church Documents (many are available in Spanish)

*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Second Edition, 1997, 2357-2359. The Catholic Church's concise moral position on homosexuality.

*Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body* (Boston: Pauline, 2006). Pope John Paul II, Daughters of St. Paul, 1997. A collection of papal teachings on how God originally ordered human love and sexuality.

*On Human Life (Humanae Vitae)*, Pope Paul VI, 1968. Papal teaching on how human sexuality must be open to love and the possibility of procreation.

*The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*, Pope John Paul II, 1981. Papal teaching on what a family is, what a family does, and how a family builds society.

*Considerations Regarding Proposals To Give Legal Recognition To Unions Between Homosexual Persons*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, June 3, 2003. An instruction about the socio-political problems associated with same-sex marriage.

*Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Concerns of Homosexual Persons*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, October 1, 1986

*Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons* (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 1986).

*Declaration on Certain Questions Concerning Sexual Ethics*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 1975. Shows how certain sexual behaviors are not consistent with the Church's moral teachings.

*The Truth and the Meaning of Human Sexuality*, The Pontifical Council for the Family, 1995. Provides definition and direction on how to educate and understand human sexuality.

*Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination: Guidelines for Pastoral Care* (USCCB, 2006).

*Between Man and Woman: Questions and Answers About Marriage and Same-Sex Unions* (USCCB, 2003).

*Always Our Children: A Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual Children and Suggestions for Pastoral Ministers*, The National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Administrative Board, 1997 (now USCCB). Policy and guidelines on how to integrate and implement moral teachings on human sexuality.

*To Live in Christ Jesus* – The National Conference of Catholic Bishops (now known as the USCCB), 1976. Brings clarity and direction to the stated truths about homosexuality.

*Catechesis On Human Sexuality – Guidelines for Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs*, Archdiocese of Washington, Office for Religious Education, 1993. Policy and guidelines on how to integrate and implement moral teachings on human sexuality.

### Books

*The Parent's Guide to Preventing Homosexuality* by Dr. Joseph and Linda Nicolosi, Intervarsity Press, 2002. Addresses strategies to restore a child's gender identity, esteem, and relationships.

*Beyond Gay* by David Morrison, Our Sunday Visitor, 1999. A personal account of how a man experiences God's forgiveness and healing as he follows the moral teachings of the Catholic Church.

*The Truth About Homosexuality: The Cry of the Faithful*, Rev. John F. Harvey OSFS, Ignatius Press, 1997. A genuine Catholic response that addresses the complex moral, pastoral, and psychological questions regarding same-sex attraction.

*The Courage to be Chaste*, Rev. Benedict Groeschel, Paulist Press, 1985. A practical and spiritual guide for anyone wishing to understand and follow the Church's teaching on chastity.

## Resources & Web Sites

- ◆ [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) for *Beyond Gay, The Truth About Homosexuality: The Cry of the Faithful*, and *The Parent's Guide to Preventing Homosexuality*
- ◆ **Catholic Educator's Resource Center**, resources which effectively communicate the power and beauty of Catholic faith and culture. Current Issues at <http://www.catholiceducation.org/>
- ◆ "Courage: Into the Light (Part One)" and "Courage: The Cry of the Faithful (Part Two)" Videotapes 1-866-BE-CHASTE or <http://couragerc.net/VideoITL.html> + **Spanish**
- ◆ **Daughters of St. Paul** at <http://www.pauline.org/store/index.html> for *Man and Woman He Created Them: A Theology of the Body* and *Catechism of the Catholic Church*
- ◆ *Homosexuality & Hope – Statement of the Catholic Medical Association*, (CMA) 2000, at <http://www.cathmed.org/> + **Spanish**. Scientific facts & practical experiences of the CMA.
- ◆ **Mary Beth Bonacci's** article, "Is Kimberly a Lesbian?" – Pressure to self-identify as "gay" puts damper on teen friendship - <http://reallove.net/articlelistff89.html?catID=0> (2001-07-20)
- ◆ **Paulist Press** at [www.paulistpress.com](http://www.paulistpress.com) for *Courage to Be Chaste, The*

## Where to Find The Resources

### Church Documents (many are available in Spanish)

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, second edition*, 2000 - St Charles Borromeo Catholic Church's website, [www.scborromeo.org/ccs.htm](http://www.scborromeo.org/ccs.htm), allows users to search the catechism.

**From The Vatican** – [www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/) Search by author/title then scroll by date

- υ *On Human Life (Humanae Vitae)*, Pope Paul VI, 1968
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- υ *Declaration on Certain Questions Concerning Sexual Ethics*, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 1975.
- υ *The Truth and the Meaning of Human Sexuality*, The Pontifical Council for the Family, 1995

**From The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** at <http://www.usccb.org>

- υ *Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination: Guidelines for Pastoral Care* (USCCB, 2006).
- υ *Between Man and Woman: Questions and Answers About Marriage and Same-Sex Unions* (USCCB, 2003).
- υ *Always Our Children: A Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual Children & Suggestions for Pastoral Ministers*, 1997, The National Conference of Catholic Bishops, now the USCCB
- υ *To Live in Christ Jesus*, 1976, The National Conference of Catholic Bishops, now the USCCB

### From The Archdiocese of Washington

- υ *Catechesis On Human Sexuality – Guidelines for Catholic Schools and Parish Religious Education Programs*, 1993, Office for Religious Education (301-853-4506)

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