

## WHO WE ARE

Rooted in peace & justice, we are a parish-based group, sharing faith and support with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender adults, 18 and over, their families and friends, with outreach to the Metuchen Diocese and our sisters and brothers across our local community. We acknowledge and respect the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church and strive to create an environment where people may honestly and faithfully share their stories. Though we are a Catholic group in origin, our invitation and welcome is open to people of all faith traditions.

## WHEN WE MEET

The 2nd Wednesday of the month,  
7:00PM to 8:30PM, September - June.

## WHERE WE MEET

Sacred Heart Parish Annex  
*Situated off Leonard Avenue and behind  
the Parish Center which is located at  
200 Randolph Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080*

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## OUR BEGINNING

This faith sharing group was born out of a response to needs and issues raised by men and women from across the Diocese of Metuchen during its Synod, which concluded in 2007.

“The Department of Pastoral Life, in collaboration with the Office of Communication and Public Relations, is to help raise awareness about existing support groups for men and women with same sex attraction and their families ...”

( SYNOD - SOCIAL JUSTICE, §45 )

We take as a guide the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' 1997 pastoral, ***Always Our Children: A Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual Children and Suggestions for Pastoral Ministers.***

“All in all, it is essential to recall one basic truth. God loves every person as a unique individual. Sexual identity helps to define the unique persons we are. One component of our sexual identity is sexual orientation. Thus, our total personhood is more encompassing than sexual orientation.

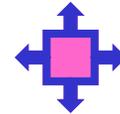
*Human beings see the appearance,  
but the Lord looks into the heart.*

1 SAMUEL 16:7

God does not love someone less simply because he or she is homosexual.

God's love is always and everywhere offered to those who are open to receiving it.”

“The Christian community should offer its homosexual sisters and brothers understanding and pastoral care.”



*For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

GALATIANS 3:28



## OUR MISSION

We are a Roman Catholic parish-based ministry in Central New Jersey that welcomes and supports gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) persons, their family and friends. We share our faith through prayer, scripture and dialogue. We seek to engage the larger community in recognizing that we are all members of God's family and we each have a place at the Table of the Lord.



*You have made us for Yourself,  
Oh God, and our hearts are  
restless until they rest in You.*



### SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

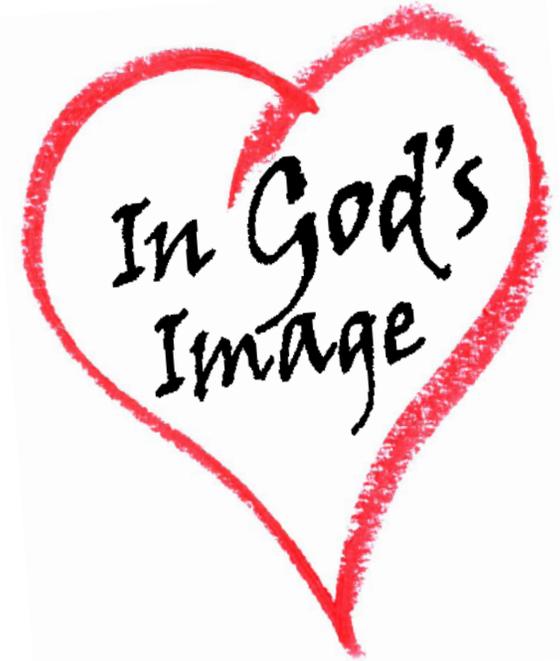
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#### STAINED-GLASS ART —

*(inside panel)* Stained-glass window from the Sanctuary of Sacred Heart Church, South Plainfield, NJ representing one of a grouping of the Latin Doctors of the Church —  
“St. Augustine of Hippo”

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**SERVING  
THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS  
OF THE MEMBERS OF  
THE GLBT COMMUNITY  
OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY,  
THEIR FAMILIES  
AND FRIENDS**

