

## WHO WE ARE

We are a parish-based faith sharing and support group for gay and lesbian adults, 18 and over, and their families, with outreach to the Metuchen Diocese and our brothers and sisters 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

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.

## WHERE WE MEET

Sacred Heart Parish Center  
200 Randolph Avenue  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

## CONTACTS

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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.

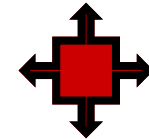
*Human beings see the appearance,  
but the Lord looks into the heart.*

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



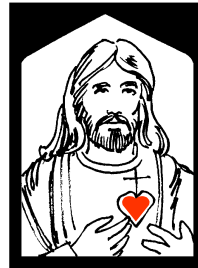
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for Gays and Lesbians,  
and Their Families**

**STAINED-GLASS ART -**

*(front 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.

*(inside panel)* Sectional piece taken from the church Nave windows representing the monogram for Jesus Christ - IHS. With several theological derivatives, one translation from the Latin is: IESUS HOMINUM SALVATOR - *Jesus the Savior of Men.*



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