

## WHO WE ARE

Rooted in peace & justice, we are a parish-based group, sharing faith and support with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning persons, 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*

## 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 --

*“The glory of God is a human being fully alive; and to be alive consists in beholding God.”*

-- ST. IRENAEUS --

*“Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.”*

-- ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA --

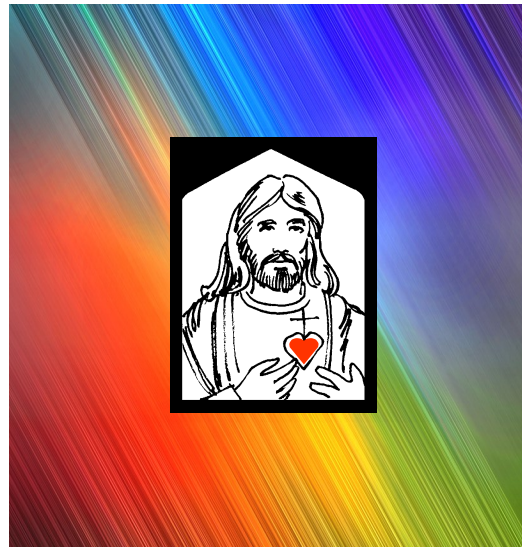


## OUR MISSION

We are a Roman Catholic parish-based ministry in Central New Jersey that welcomes and supports lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) 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.*



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#### STAINED-GLASS ART —

(inside panel) A stained-glass window from the sanctuary of the Church of the Sacred Heart, South Plainfield, NJ representing one of a grouping of the four great Latin Doctors of the Church — “St. Augustine of Hippo”



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THE SPIRITUAL NEEDS  
OF THE MEMBERS OF  
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OF CENTRAL NEW JERSEY,  
THEIR FAMILIES  
AND FRIENDS  
SINCE 2007**

