



MAY 2007

COMUNIDAD

MINISTRY WITH LESBIAN AND GAY CATHOLICS, ST. MATTHEWS'S CHURCH, LONG BEACH, CA

Mark Your

Future First Tuesday Meetings, at 7:00pm in St. Matthew's Parish Hall: Jun 5, Jul 3, Aug 7, Sept 4, Oct 2, Nov 6, and Dec 4.

Long Beach Pride

Long Beach Pride will be held the weekend of May 19 & 20. There are multiple ways for you to be involved with Comunidad at Pride. We are signing up volunteers for the following PRIDE activities.

Comunidad sponsors the "Welcome Home Catholics" booth at the PRIDE festival. We need volunteers to staff the booth.

Comunidad organizes an entry in the PRIDE Parade. Please march down Ocean Blvd with us on Sunday.

Comunidad volunteers at the festival. Volunteering raises money for Comunidad to help cover operating expenses throughout the year.

PRIDE Mass

Comunidad will have **Mass at St. Matthews** on PRIDE Eve (**Friday, May 18**) at **8pm in the Church**. Our celebrant will be Fr. Will Connor. Please join us in prayer as

You can email us at comunidad@123mail.org

Our Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 1, 2007
St. Matthew's Parish Hall, 672 Temple Avenue (at 7th Street)
Social starts at 7:00pm, Program at 7:30pm

Cinco de Mayo

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo on **Tuesday, May 1**. Our fiesta will include several games of Loteria. Think BINGO only more fabulous. Bring a white elephant item or two for Loteria prizes. It's **POTLUCK**, so bring a dish or a dessert to share. Our evening starts at 7:00PM in Meisel Hall.

Wear Your Colors

Please wear your Comunidad T-shirt or polo shirt on **Solidarity Sunday, April 29, 2007**. To buy a Comunidad T-shirt, call Tony 562 439-0531.

AIDS Walk Long Beach

AIDS Walk Long Beach takes place Saturday, June 23 at the PIKE. Comunidad collects money and walks each year to fight HIV/AIDS and support those living with HIV/AIDS. Help us collect money the first three weekends in June and/or walk with us to show your support.

Family Reunion BBQ

Comunidad is having a **Family Reunion BBQ** on **Tuesday, July 3**. If you haven't stopped by for awhile, please join us for the BBQ. Feel free to invite others from our 20 years of ministry. It's **POTLUCK** so bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Annual Retreat

The weekend of Sept 28-30 is our Annual Retreat. Our Retreat Master is Franciscan Priest, Fr. Dan Lackie from Saints Simon & Jude Parish in Huntington Beach. Our theme is Stand in the Light: Who Am I in the

*Lord, watch over us, and guide us with Your unfailing love.
Protect us from what could harm us and lead us to what will save us.
Help us always for without You we are bound to fail.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.*

For more info about Comunidad call Jen at 562 436-5466 or Tony at 562 439-0531.

Comunidad Survey

Your opinions are important to the Comunidad Steering Committee. Your response to this survey will help us plan upcoming events, speakers and socials. Please print, complete, and return the questionnaire by June 6, 2007.

Please indicate your agreement or disagreement for each statement on a 1 to 10 scale by circling the appropriate number. 1 signifies complete disagreement; 10 signifies complete agreement.

* Comunidad plays an important role at St. Matthew's Church.
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* Comunidad plays an important role in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
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* Comunidad offers opportunities for spiritual growth of gay and lesbian Catholics.
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* The topics of the Comunidad monthly meetings are relevant to me.
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* The activities hosted by Comunidad are relevant to me.
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* The annual retreat sponsored by Comunidad is affordable to me.
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* If you have attended the annual retreat in the past, how much spiritual growth has it provided you.
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* Comunidad is a welcoming presence in the Catholic Church.
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* It is important to me to be both Catholic and gay/lesbian.
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* I am hopeful that the Catholic Church will accept my sexuality and respect my life as a gay or lesbian Catholic
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* Comunidad does an important service to the church through its annual collections for the poor and for people living with AIDS.
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* Comunidad's presence in the Long Beach Pride parade and festival is a good way of attracting Catholics back to the church.
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If you have comments or suggestions for increasing Comunidad's effectiveness at serving Catholic gays and lesbians please write them on the back side of this document or on a separate sheet of paper. Also include activities, topics, and services to the community that would make Comunidad more appealing to you and entice you to become involved.

Please return responses by June 6, 2007 to:

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