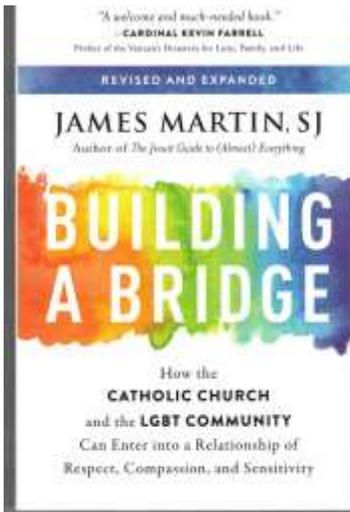


St. Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry Announces a Book Discussion Beginning April 26, 2018



Building A Bridge of Respect, Sensitivity and Compassion Between LGBT Catholics and the Wider Catholic Community



The St. Cletus Peace and Justice Ministry and Fr. Jim Benz are sponsoring a conversation and discussion, based on the recent book by Fr. James Martin SJ. The meetings will be held in the Parish Hall from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on four consecutive Thursdays, beginning April 26, 2018.

Discussion Sessions

Session 1, Thursday, April 26, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Fr. Benz will focus on the Catholic Church's teachings about love, human sexuality, the Sacrament of Marriage, and those who are living alternative lifestyles.

Session 2, Thursday, May 3, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Fr. Benz will discuss more specifically pastoral approaches to counseling LGBT Catholics, based on the Archdiocese of St. Louis' pastoral statement "Hope and Holiness."

Sessions 3 and 4, Thursday May 10 & May 17, 7 – 8:30 pm

Jim LaVictoire and Bill Weisrock will lead an open discussion of Fr. James Martin's book, addressing how the clergy and the wider Catholic community can build a bridge to the LGBT community, and how LGBT Catholics can build that same bridge. Both the text and scriptural reflections will be used.

If You Would Like to Attend...

Please RSVP to jimlavictoire@gmail.com or wweisroc@cox.net or call the Parish Office (636) 946-6327.

If you would like to purchase a copy of Fr. Martin's book, please respond by April 16. The cost is \$12.00 (*however a free-will donation is acceptable.*)

Books will be available at the Masses on April 21 – 22 or on April 26.

Why Attend the Book Discussion?

As anyone knows who keeps up with current events, particularly in the Catholic Church, the LGBT issue has been much in the news. Several Catholic bishops and other prelates have publicly expressed their opinions. The LGBT population, including many Catholics, is growing in St. Charles county. Many of us now include LGBT people as relatives, friends and neighbors. Thus, we think this is a timely topic for dialogue and discussion.