

## Homosexual Activism in the Archdiocese of San Francisco: Most Holy Redeemer Church. Updated October 4, 2010

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- January 1, 1982** Fr. Anthony "Tony" McGuire is appointed Pastor of Most Holy Redeemer Church in San Francisco, by Archbishop John Quinn: *"Under Fr. Tony, the parish was reborn..."* From *"Gays and Grays: The Story of the Inclusion of the Gay Community at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish"* by Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ; p28; hereafter "Godfrey".
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- January 1, 1982** From 1982-1984, Most Holy Redeemer Parish Council approves formation of *"Gay & Lesbian Outreach Committee"* by 12-0 vote. *"The Gay and Lesbian outreach Committee—so unique, so bracing, so critically what the parish needed when it needed it—eventually withered away, a victim of its own success, when the entire parish had taken on the work it was formed to begin."* (Emphasis added) "Godfrey" p34. "What MHR was doing was without precedent anywhere in the Roman Catholic Church." "Godfrey" p29 .
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- January 1, 1990** *"By 1990, Most Holy Redeemer was definitely the Roman Catholic Church with the largest percentage of 'out' parishioners in the world. Gay people themselves sometimes find it 'too gay.'" "Godfrey" p113.*
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- January 1, 1996** Approximate date. Open homosexual Dan McPherson joins faculty of the (Jesuit) University of San Francisco: *"Dan McPherson, Ph.D., joined the School of Education in 1996 as an assistant professor in the Counseling Psychology Department and assumed the duties of Associate Dean in 2001."* McPherson and his "partner," Kevin Gogin, a former Jesuit priest, were parishioners at Most Holy Redeemer Church. They adopted a daughter who was baptized at St. Ignatius Church at USF. On October 21, 1990, In violation of church teaching, both men stood as "godfathers" at the baptism of another child adopted by two homosexual men. The baptism took place at MHR. (Godfrey "Gays and Grays" pp 103-104.) According to the current USF webpage: *"Dr. McPherson coordinated the School of Education's Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology with an emphasis in Marriage and Family Therapy program."* Since 1990 Gogin has worked for the San Francisco Unified School District. He has been instrumental in promoting homosexuality in public schools.
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- June 28, 1998** Most Holy Redeemer's first march *"as Most Holy Redeemer"* in Gay Pride Parade. Will march annually hereafter. *"Since 1998, taking part in the Pride Parade has become an MHR tradition. (Fr. Zachary) Shore's semi-tacit sanctioning of a parish presence in the parade does lend the Church's legitimacy to this event of the gay community..."*
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- November 26, 1998** The San Francisco Chronicle quotes Fr. Zachary Shore, Pastor of Most Holy Redeemer: *"And according to Shore, about 90% of his flock are gay or lesbian."*
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- July 15, 1999** The San Francisco Chronicle reports: *"about 85% of (Most Holy Redeemer's) parishioners happen to be gay or lesbian."*
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- November 8, 1999** San Francisco Board of Supervisors offers Resolution #992060, commending Fr. Zachary Shore and MHR for his opposition to Proposition 22, which would make sure California only recognizes as marriage the union of one man and one woman.
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<b>June 25, 2000</b>	Most Holy Redeemer officially participates in Gay Pride Parade. Fr. Tom Hayes celebrates 8:00AM Sunday Mass and gives special blessing to those who march.
<b>October 1, 2000</b>	Leather (read S/M) Motorcycle group the "Golden Gate Guards" hold their "Annual Run." Activities at the event include men dressing as monks and wearing crosses while committing sodomy. Pictures include titles such as "ACLC Monks Provide Communion" and "Two Hail Mary's and Sin Some More." The "Golden Gate Guards" will hold their anniversary parties at Most Holy Redeemer from 2001-2006.
<b>December 1, 2001</b>	Leather (read S/M) Motorcycle group the Golden Gate Guards hold their "15th Anniversary Party" at Most Holy Redeemer. Event is Published in the "San Francisco Leather Calendar."
<b>January 7, 2002</b>	San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously adopts resolution 020015 declaring January 13, 2002 to be Most Holy Redeemer Parish day in San Francisco.
<b>January 13, 2002</b>	San Francisco Supervisor Mark Leno visits Most Holy Redeemer parish on its centennial. Supervisor Leno commends Pastor Zachary Shore for taking principled stand (opposed) on the "Knight Initiative" which defined marriage as between a man and a woman in the state of California. Is warmly received. "Godfrey" p1. Also see Chronology entry for August 28, 2007.
<b>February 16, 2002</b>	The Leather (read s/m) "Inter-Club Fund's" 36th Annual Motorcycle Awards are held in Ellard Hall of Most Holy Redeemer Parish. Event is listed in the "San Francisco Leather Journal" S/M publication. San Francisco Supervisor Mark Leno attends. Mr. Mario Torrigino, who serves on the National Board of Directors of "Dignity USA" receives the ICF's "Man of the Year" award.
<b>April 21, 2002</b>	The (Jesuit) University of San Francisco hosts seminar "New Jewish & Christian Approaches to Homosexuality" Speakers include Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ, & Patricia Beattie Jung. Jung is a speaker at the "Call to Action" 2004 National Conference. Co-sponsors include "Dignity/San Francisco" and Most Holy Redeemer Parish.
<b>April 29, 2002</b>	The New York Times publishes an article about MHR: "At a Largely Gay Church, a Test of Faith." stating "... 80-90% of the parishioners are gay."
<b>October 19, 2002</b>	Most Holy Redeemer Parish hosts "Mr. & Miss Gay San Francisco" Pageant in Ellard Hall .
<b>November 23, 2002</b>	Leather (read S/M) Motorcycle group the Golden Gate Guards hold their "16th Anniversary Party" at Most Holy Redeemer. Event is Published in the "San Francisco Leather Calendar"
<b>November 22, 2003</b>	Leather (read S/M) Motorcycle group the Golden Gate Guards hold their "17th Anniversary Party" at Most Holy Redeemer. Event is Published in the "San Francisco Leather Calendar"

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<b>February 12, 2004</b>	Assemblyman Mark Leno (Frequent guest at MHR) introduces Assembly Bill 1967 "California Marriage License Non-Discrimination Act.: <i>AB 1967 would define marriages in California as a civil contract between two persons, allowing same sex couples access to the same rights and responsibilities of marriage as heterosexual couples in the state.</i> " Bill does not make it out of committee.
<b>June 6, 2004</b>	Most Holy Redeemer Parish announces official participation in Gay pride parade in parish bulletin. Also in bulletins of June 13 and 20.
<b>June 27, 2004</b>	Most Holy Redeemer officially participates in Gay Pride Parade.
<b>July 16, 2004</b>	Approximate date. Fr. Stephen Meriwether is appointed pastor of Most Holy Redeemer church.
<b>November 20, 2004</b>	Leather (read S/M) Motorcycle group the Golden Gate Guards hold their "18th Anniversary Party" at Most Holy Redeemer. Event is Published in the "San Francisco Leather Calendar"
<b>December 6, 2004</b>	Assemblyman Mark Leno (Frequent guest at MHR) introduces Assembly Bill AB 19/849 "Gender Neutral Marriage: <i>This bill would define marriage as a civil contract between two persons, a definition that was in effect prior to 1977. It would also reaffirm that no religious entity is required to solemnize a marriage that is contrary to its religious tenets.</i> " On June 2, 2005: the bill makes it out of committee, but does not pass vote in Assembly.
<b>April 15, 2005</b>	Most Holy Redeemer Altar Server and member of Liturgy Planning Committee David Differding competes for the "Dick of Death" award at the Golden Gate Guards "Golden Dildeaux Awards" at the notorious SF Eagle Tavern.
<b>May 1, 2005</b>	MHR Altar Server and member of Liturgy Planning Committee David Differding is photographed in S/M position at a "Sunday Social" at the "Levi Leather Weekend" at the SF Citadel, San Francisco S/M venue.
<b>June 12, 2005</b>	Most Holy Redeemer announces official participation in Gay pride parade in parish bulletin.
<b>June 19, 2005</b>	Most Holy Redeemer parishioners Brian Bromberger and Michael Doherty are Ordained permanent deacons by Archbishop
<b>June 19, 2005</b>	At Most Holy Redeemer Mass, Fr. Jose Pimental devotes homily to beginning of "Gay Pride Week." At Mass, Pastor Steve Meriwether introduces Supervisor Bevan Dufty as "great advocate for gay rights." On March 21, 2006, Dufty will vote for resolution calling Catholic Church "hateful and bigoted."

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<b>June 20, 2005</b>	Concerned San Francisco Catholics send letter to Archbishop William Levada expressing dismay and outrage over Most Holy Redeemer's planned participation in the 2005 gay pride parade. Especially object to the devotion of the previous day's Mass to "Pride Week." Further object to MHR's sale of "Gay Pride Packs" which include papal flags. No response, MHR marches as planned.
<b>June 26, 2005</b>	Most Holy Redeemer and St. Agnes Parish officially participate in Gay Pride Parade.
<b>November 19, 2005</b>	Leather (read S/M) Motorcycle group the Golden Gate Guards hold their "19th Anniversary Party" at Most Holy Redeemer. Event is Published in the "San Francisco Leather Calendar"
<b>December 4, 2005</b>	Most Holy Redeemer Altar Server and member of Liturgy Planning Committee David Differding is photographed in attendance at a blasphemous "Leather Forum Holiday Party" at the SF Citadel, a San Francisco S/M destination. Sexually perverted and blasphemous mockery of the Nativity takes place.
<b>February 12, 2006</b>	The (Jesuit) University of San Francisco's "LBGTQ Caucus" and Lane Center for Social Thought sponsor anti-Catholic seminar "Queer Perspectives: Is it Ethical to be Catholic" at Most Holy Redeemer. Speakers include Theology Professors/Priests.
<b>June 18, 2006</b>	Most Holy Redeemer announces official participation in Gay pride parade in parish bulletin.
<b>June 25, 2006</b>	Most Holy Redeemer again participates in Gay Pride Parade. Concerned Catholics meet with Archbishop Niederauer to express concern & provide evidence of scandal. Archbishop professes shock and promises to prevent participation in future parades. Promise not kept. Most Holy Redeemer publishes photo essay of their participation on their website, which remain online as of this writing: March 11, 2008.
<b>July 28, 2006</b>	Most Holy Redeemer Altar Server and member of Liturgy Planning Committee David Differding competes for the title "SF Leather Daddy." Supervisor Bevan Duffy, whose district includes MHR, is in attendance.
<b>September 2, 2006</b>	Most Holy Redeemer Altar Server and member of Liturgy Planning Committee David Differding is one of the judges in public S/M "SF Leather Daddy's Boy" contest. Supervisor Bevan Duffy, whose district includes MHR, is in attendance.
<b>October 1, 2006</b>	In October and November of 2006, the "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence" host series of blasphemous events in Ellard Hall of Most Holy Redeemer Parish.
<b>October 8, 2006</b>	Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ, now Executive Director of University Ministry at the (Jesuit) University of San Francisco, gives the homily at Most Holy Redeemer Church. The title is "Finding God in the Erotic." The homily may be found online on the "Gay Catholic Forum."

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- November 18, 2006** Leather (read S/M) Motorcycle group the Golden Gate Guards hold their “*20th Anniversary Party*” at Most Holy Redeemer. . Event is listed in the “*Leather and Kink*” section of the “*Bay Area Reporter*”, homosexualist newspaper and in the “*San Francisco Leather Calendar*”
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- December 1, 2006** Episcopal Reverend John Kirkley, a same-sex "married" man, preaches homily at Most Holy Redeemer "World AIDS Day" service. The title is "The Healing of the Centurion's Boyfriend." Rev. Kirkley asserts that in the familiar Gospel episode, the Centurion and his servant are actually in a homosexual relationship.
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- December 4, 2006** Assemblyman Mark Leno (Frequent guest at MHR) introduces "*Assembly Bill 43: Religious Freedom & Civil Marriage Protection Act This bill would define marriage as a civil contract between two persons, a definition that was in effect prior to 1977. It would also reaffirm that no religious entity is required to solemnize a marriage that is contrary to its religious tenets.*" The bill passes state Assembly and Senate. On October 12, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger vetoes.
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- January 27, 2007** “TGSF” (Transgender San Francisco) puts on their “*2007 Cotillion*” at the Regency Center Grand Ballroom in San Francisco. The Cotillion Producer is "Lisa Rae" Dummer, who serves as a Eucharistic Minister at Most Holy Redeemer Parish. MHR’s Young Adult Group attends the event, and are presented as “debutantes.”
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- February 17, 2007** The “*Inter-Club Fund’s*” 41st Annual Motorcycle Awards are held in Ellard Hall of Most Holy Redeemer Parish. Event is listed in the “*Adventures in Leather*” section of the “*Bay Area Reporter*”, homosexualist newspaper. San Francisco State Assemblyman Mark Leno attends.
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- February 23, 2007** "Lisa Rae" Dummer, Most Holy Redeemer Eucharistic Minister is elected Board Chair of the "Transgender Law Center"
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- April 29, 2007** Most Holy Redeemer celebrates Gay Service broadcast worldwide on “*BBC Radio4.*” The celebrant is Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ, now Executive Director of Campus Ministry at the (Jesuit) University of San Francisco.
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- June 10, 2007** Most Holy Redeemer announces official participation in Gay pride parade in parish bulletin. Invites parishioners to join, carry banner, fundraise, etc.
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- June 18, 2007** Most Holy Redeemer’s upcoming participation in June 24 Gay Pride Parade generates significant online attention. No response from the Archdiocese.
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- June 24, 2007** Most Holy Redeemer officially participates in Gay Pride parade despite promise of Archbishop Niederauer to put stop to this activity. See entry of June 25, 2006, above.
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- June 27, 2007** Most Holy Redeemer publishes photo essay of their participation in 2003, 2006, 2007 Gay Pride parades on their website. Photos remain up as of this writing: July 6, 2008.
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- June 28, 2007** MHR Altar Server and member of Liturgy Planning Committee David Differding writes complaining letter to *"San Francisco Bay Times--The Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans Newspaper and Event Calendar for the Bay Area."* Differding is upset about KRON's coverage of the Gay pride Parade, particularly that: *"KRON (TV) missed an educational opportunity by not covering any Fetish, Kink or Transgender organizations . . . KRON turned off their cameras, and didn't even give the Leather Community the courtesy of being interviewed. The Leather Community contingent was over one block long, and we might as well have not been there, for the non-coverage they gave our community."*
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- July 20, 2007** First issue of *"Catholic San Francisco"* to be published since MHR's participation in 2007 *"Gay Pride Parade"* hits streets. (CSF summer schedule). No condemnation or mention of MHR's participation, despite fact Archbishop Niederauer had promised to stop this.
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- July 22, 2007** Most Holy Redeemer and The (Jesuit) University of San Francisco's "LBGTQ Caucus" and Lane Center for Social Thought continue their association, sponsoring a seminar at MHR *"How to Survive as a Thinking Catholic."*
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- July 23, 2007** Catholic Charities hosts its annual *"Red House"* Fundraiser at the Catch Restaurant in the Castro District. Featured entertainer is the transvestite Donna Sachet, who was *"Miss Gay San Francisco 1993,"* and has also performed at numerous "Leather/Kink" events around San Francisco, including at Most Holy Redeemer in February 2007. At CCCYO Fundraiser, Donna Sachet is photographed with Nanette Lee Miller, "out" lesbian member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities, and also member of the Liturgy Committee at MHR.
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- August 1, 2007** Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ, celebrant of "Gay Service" at Most Holy Redeemer on April 29, 2007, and author of *"Gays and Grays: The Story of the Gay Community at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish"* is appointed Executive Director of University Ministry at The (Jesuit) University of San Francisco. Representative quotation: *"I firmly believe in a new approach and a new vision in this area of ministry. In this I do have an 'agenda.'" Godfrey p132.*
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- August 28, 2007** Lexington Books publishes *"Gays and Grays: The Story of the Gay Community at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish"* by Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ.
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- August 28, 2007** California Catholic Daily quotes Supervisor Mark Leno (warmly received at MHR back in 2002): *"This (same-sex "marriage") is now a core Democratic moral value. We've brought it center stage. The party passed a resolution in support of marriage equality at its convention last April, and it won't be very long before every Democrat with credibility could not run in this state without supporting a woman's right to choose and supporting marriage equality."*
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- September 29, 2007** Most Holy Redeemer parish hosts *"SF Desperate Divas 2008 Drag Grand Calendar Pageant"* in Ellard Hall. *"Twelve of the Bay Area's Most Delicious Drag Divas will compete for the Crown and Title of Miss Desperate Dive 2008."* Event published in the *"Gay Event Listing"* section of *"SF Station"* webpage, as well as numerous other homosexualist publications.
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- September 30, 2007** The "24th Annual Folsom Street Fair" takes place. S/M Street Fair, notorious even by San Francisco standards. The cover of the 2007 catalog is a blasphemous rendition of Da Vinci's "Last Supper." "Jesus" and "Mary" dildos are sold at fair. Beverage partner for fair is "Golden Gate Guards" who hold their annual anniversary party at MHR. The fair is officially welcomed in a proclamation by (Catholic) Mayor Gavin Newsom. Reminder: as detailed above: Invocation at Mayor Newsom's inaugural was given by President of USF; Mayor has spoken at Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep; Mayor has spoken at St. Philip's Church; Mayor has lectured on "Ethics in Local Politics" at USF.
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- October 2, 2007** California Catholic Daily publishes story entitled "What Will he Tell Them?" asking whether Archbishop George Niederauer will address any of the issues (i.e. drag queen beauty pageant on September 29) at his upcoming October 7 Mass at Most Holy Redeemer.
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- October 7, 2007** 10:00 AM: Archbishop George Niederauer celebrates Mass at Most Holy Redeemer Parish. Father Donal Godfrey concelebrates. Archbishop's homily does not address any of the preceding events at MHR. Instead, gives the Blessed Sacrament to two men who are members of "Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence." The two are obviously welcomed, including by Michael Fraker, member of the MHR pastoral council. Event causes worldwide scandal & furor.
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- October 7, 2007** 11:00 AM: Most Holy Redeemer has booth at "Castro Street Fair."—a celebration of the gay identity of Castro district.
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- October 7, 2007** David Differding is Master of Ceremonies when Archbishop George Niederauer celebrates Mass at Most Holy Redeemer.
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- October 12, 2007** "Golden Gate Guards" sexually perverted & blasphemous motorcycle club changes venue for their 2007 Anniversary Party which had been scheduled for November 17 at MHR. Party had been held annually at MHR since 2001. Speculation is that publicity from the Archbishops giving communion to the two SPI's had convinced parish to cancel event.
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- October 14, 2007** MHR prints letter in church bulletin from "Sister Delta Goodhand," (one of two SPI's who received communion) thanking the parish for the warm welcome at the preceding Sunday's Mass.
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- October 16, 2007** Lifesite News reports Archbishop calls MHR and asks them to remove letter from "Goodhand" from the online parish bulletin. They do so.
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- October 17, 2007** San Francisco Chronicle prints article about Abp. Niederauer's unfortunate October 7 visit to MHR. They quote Fr. Jim Bretzke, SJ, Professor of Moral Theology at the (Jesuit) University of San Francisco, who disagrees with the Archbishop's apology: "While I can see Bill O'Reilly and others might be offended, the sisters do not meet the criteria the church has for denying Communion. Over-accessorizing and poor taste in makeup is not an excommunicable offense."
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- October 23, 2007** Most Holy Redeemer Eucharistic Minister and past Pastoral Council vice-president Patrick Mulcahey moderated a panel discussion "Ask the Dom" (Sexual dominant) at San Francisco's notorious Citadel S/M club.
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- November 11, 2007** The webpage of Most Holy Redeemer announces: *"Congratulations and Welcome, Fr. Joe! The MHR family welcomes Fr. Joseph Healy, a 'son of the parish' who has been assigned to Most Holy Redeemer as Parochial Vicar. We wish you many happy and successful years here at MHR".* What does 's "son of the parish mean"? From Godfrey, p98 note 42: *"The Castro Country Club was founded by an openly gay parishioner at MHR, Joseph Healy; Healy has since become a priest in the diocese of San Francisco."*
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- November 13, 2007** Most Holy Redeemer Eucharistic Minister and past Pastoral Council vice-president Patrick Mulcahey was is mentioned description of an "Ask the Sub (Sexual submissive)" discussion, at San Francisco's notorious Citadel s/m club: *"Currently, he (the "sub" being discussed) is a slave-in-training to Master Patrick Mulcahey, whom he knows loves and treasures him."*
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- November 17, 2007** Golden Gate Guards 2007 Anniversary party was to be held at MHR. Changed to another location following publicity surrounding sacrilegious October 7 event. See entry for October 12, above.
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- November 29, 2007** Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ, Executive Director of Campus Ministry at the (Jesuit) University of San Francisco, addresses the weekly *"Lavender Lunch"* at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California. The event is sponsored by the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion and Ministry. From the event listing: *"Fr. Donal will present case studies of Most Holy Redeemer parish in The Castro and the University of San Francisco. These two very differing institutions are **Catholic examples of best practice with regard to the LGBTQ community.**"*
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- November 30, 2007** Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ, Executive Director of Campus Ministry at the (Jesuit) University of San Francisco, speaks at the University on his book *"Gays and Grays: The Story of the Gay Community at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish."* The talk is sponsored by the Lane Center for Catholic Studies and Social Thought.
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- December 4, 2007** David Differding is scheduled to be the Presider at the Most Holy Redeemer Advent Vespers service. The guest speaker is Dr. Ora Prochovnick, President of Sha'ar Zahav Congregation. From their webpage: *"Congregation Sha'ar Zahav, the Congregation of the Golden Gate, is a progressive Reform synagogue, established in 1977. We are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and heterosexual Jews, together with family and friends, both Jewish and non-Jewish."*
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- December 21, 2007** "Transgendered" man sues Seton Hospital (run by the Daughters of Charity) for refusing to perform breast enhancement surgery on him. Lawsuit is supported by the "Transgender Law Center" whose Board Chair "Lisa Rae" Dummer, is a Eucharistic Minister at Most Holy Redeemer.
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- December 24, 2007** David Differding is scheduled to be Master of ceremonies at Most Holy Redeemer's Midnight Mass "The Nativity of the Lord." On December 4, 2005, Differding was photographed attending a blasphemy of the Nativity at the "SF Citadel," an infamous San Francisco sado-masochistic club.
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- January 31, 2008** *California Catholic Daily* reports Most Holy Redeemer Church is leasing Ellard Hall to the "QuickTricks" Bridge Club, a homosexualist bridge club. CCD mentions a story on the leasing in the *Bay Area Reporter*, a homosexualist San Francisco Newspaper, entitled "*Plenty of Queens in this Deck.*"
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- February 6, 2008** Catholic Charities CYO Executive Director Brian Cahill to speak at Ash Wednesday Vespers Service at Most Holy Redeemer. During Cahill's tenure at CCCYO, the organization facilitated adoptions to homosexual and transgendered couples, circumvented Church teaching on this subject, and allowed transvestite "Donna Sachet" to perform at one of their fundraisers. The presider at the Vespers Service is Fr. Joseph Healy.
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- February 10, 2008** [Concerned San Francisco Catholics, aware of the nature of the organizations participating in the upcoming February 16, 2008 "Inter-Club" Fund Awards Dinner at Most Holy Redeemer, send package of information to Archbishop George Niederauer that leaves no doubt as to the nature of these organizations. Also includes information on past ICF Awards Dinners held at MHR. Awards dinner goes on as scheduled.](#)
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- February 16, 2008** The "Inter-Club Fund's" 42nd Annual "*Motorcycle and Leather Community Awards*" is held at Most Holy Redeemer Church. In the past, the ICF has given the award for "*Best in Town Event*" to the Folsom Street Fair, where dildos made to resemble traditional images of Jesus and Mary are sold.
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- February 20, 2008** Nanette Lee Miller, the open lesbian Treasurer and Board Member of Catholic Charities CYO to preside at Lenten Vesper's Service at Most Holy Redeemer. Miller is a Eucharistic Minister and member of the Liturgy Planning Committee at MHR. She serves on the Audit Committee of the homoactivist "Horizons Foundation," whose mission is funding and promoting the gay agenda. Ms. Miller "married" another woman in 2004. That woman also serves as a Eucharistic Minister at Most Holy Redeemer."
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- February 27, 2008** Dr. Jerome Bagget, Ph.D. to speak at Lenten Vespers Service at Most Holy Redeemer. He is an Assistant Professor of Religion and Society at the Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley. The presider is Most Holy Redeemer Altar Server and Liturgy Planning Committee Member David Differding, who has been photographed at many obscene public s/m functions.
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**March 3, 2008**

Fr. Donal Godfrey, Executive Director of University Ministry at the (Jesuit) University of San Francisco, plugs his book "Gays and Grays" in a publication called EurekaStreet.com/au. The article is titled "Towards a church apology for gay prejudice." Godfrey quotes Patrick Mulcahey, past Vice-President of the Most Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council: *"For us, Most Holy Redeemer is the Church we can go and just be Catholic."* Please visit our report on Most Holy Redeemer to see what "just being Catholic" means there.

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**March 5, 2008**

Homosexual activist priest Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ, Executive Director of Campus Ministry at the (Jesuit) University of San Francisco to speak and preside at Lenten Vespers Service at Most Holy Redeemer. Godfrey is author of "Gays and Grays: the story of the Gay Community at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Parish." Quote: *"The Catholic Church is not a credible moral voice in the gay community."*

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**March 9, 2008**

Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ, Executive Director of University Ministry at the (Jesuit) University of San Francisco, gives the homily at Most Holy Redeemer Church. The title is "The Call to Come Out." The homily begins:

*"Joshua Gamson, Professor of Sociology at the University of San Francisco, writes in his book, The Fabulous Sylvester, that by 1975 San Francisco was to gay men and lesbians what Israel was to Jews, only with fewer wars and more parties. San Francisco was where you went to come out and be gay... The entire homily may be read at "Gay Catholic Forum."*

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**March 28, 2008**

About this time, promotional materials start appearing on the "Golden Gate Guards" website advertising their 2008 "Golden Dildeaux" awards, to be held on April 19, 2008. One of the contestants will be David Differding, Liturgy Planning Coordinator at Most Holy Redeemer Church. It will be remembered that Mr. Differding competed for the "Dick of Death" Award at the 2005 "Golden Dildeaux" awards. Mr. Differding was also the Master of Ceremonies on October 7, 2007, when Archbishop George Niederauer celebrated Mass at Most Holy Redeemer.

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**April 19, 2008**

David Differding, Coordinator of the Liturgy Planning Group at Most Holy Redeemer Church, competes in the Golden Gate Guards 36th Annual "Golden Dildeaux" awards. Judging from the photograph posted on the www.richtrove.com website, Differding was a winner. He is being presented with a trophy.

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**April 27, 2008**

The Most Holy Redeemer online bulletin of April 27, 2008 posts minutes of April 1, 2008 Pastoral Council Meeting. The minutes include this item: **Pride Parade:** *"At our last meeting, Fr. Joe told us he had drafted a letter to parishes with gay and lesbian outreach asking if they would like to participate, and inviting them to a meeting in early April. Fr. Steve said he would check with Fr. Joe on the status; if Fr. Joe has not been able to do anything, Fr. Steve will call around to the various parishes. Tony believes he has an email from the parade organizers telling us that we have a spot in the parade. Fr. Steve asked if had thought of an over-arching theme that would include the catholic parishes of the archdiocese. The Parade is June 29."*

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<b>June 5, 2008</b>	From June through September 2008, Rosalyn Gallo, past Most Holy Redeemer Parish Council President, donates \$350 to two "No on 8" campaign funds.
<b>June 11, 2008</b>	LifeSite News reports that, at the instructions of the Archdiocese, Most Holy Redeemer will not participate in the 2008 San Francisco "Gay Pride" parade. MHR will still have their "AIDS Support Group" at the June 28 Pride Festival. This is the first year since 1998 that MHR has not participated, as a parish, in the parade.
<b>July 24, 2008</b>	Most Holy Redeemer Eucharistic Minister and past Pastoral Council vice-president Patrick Mulcahey moderated a "Total M/S (master/Slave)" discussion at "Stormy Leather" in San Francisco.
<b>September 10, 2008</b>	Patrick Mulcahey, past Most Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council Vice-President, donated \$150 to "No on 8 - Equality California."
<b>October 6, 2008</b>	Most Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council member Joe Cooper donates \$1000 to "No on 8 - Equality California."
<b>October 17, 2008</b>	Most Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council member Steve Rosera donates \$200 to "No on 8 - Equality California."
<b>October 18, 2008</b>	Most Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council member Matt Dorsey donates \$100 to "Californians Against Discrimination - No on 8." Also publicly dissents from Church teaching in article cited immediately above.
<b>October 18, 2008</b>	The San Francisco Chronicle reports that Catherine Cunningham, secretary of the Most Holy Redeemer Parish Council, is "married" to another Most Holy Redeemer parishioner, Roz Gallo. Gallo is past President of the Most Holy Redeemer parish council. Both women serve as lectors at Most Holy Redeemer.
<b>October 31, 2008</b>	David Differding, Coordinator of the Liturgy Planning Group at Most Holy Redeemer, writes letter to the editor to " <i>Catholic San Francisco</i> " newspaper. Publicly disagrees with the Bishops defense of marriage, one of the Church's "non negotiable" issues.
<b>November 9, 2008</b>	On this date, according to public testimony given by Supervisor Bevan Dufty, Most Holy Redeemer blessed same-sex "marriages" in church. On January 6, 2009, speaking before the full San Francisco Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Bevan Dufty said " <i>...the Sunday after the November election when proposition 8 passed, all of the congregants who had been married since June were asked to stand and to receive the blessing at the church.</i> "

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**November 25, 2008**

On November 25, Salon Magazine interviewed Richard Rodriguez "Why Churches Fear Gay Marriage." Mr. Rodriguez is a well known TV commentator, and a parishioner at MHR. His interview once more undercores our point. He completely rejects the Church when it is in conflict with his own sexual desires: *"I belong to a Catholic parish in San Francisco (Most Holy Redeemer), where my partner and I are acknowledged by the other people in the parish as a couple. We take communion together, the priests know who we are, they're supportive of who we are, and what we are, and they see us in various roles -- giving eulogies to dead friends but also helping to baptize little babies. We're very much a part of that community. That's why I'm not prepared to lose it because some archbishop in Colorado or cardinal in Los Angeles is behind Proposition 8. It is not my church that they're talking about, it's not even my experience of love."*

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**December 1, 2008**

Catholic Charities of San Francisco holds a farewell reception for its outgoing Executive Director Brian Cahill. Honorary Committee members for the event include: San Francisco Supervisors Tom Ammiano, Ross Mirkarimi, and Gerald Sandoval, all of whom voted for Resolution 168-06 on March 21, 2006, which called the Catholic Church "hateful" and "discriminatory" for daring to say that a child should be raised in a home with a mother and a father; Senator Dianne Feinstein, who made a television ad supporting same-sex marriage; Dr. Sandra Hernandez, CEO of the San Francisco Foundation, who personally donated \$1,000 to the Campaign opposing Proposition 8; Dennis Herrera, City Attorney of San Francisco, who is currently suing the State of California to outlaw the definition of marriage and the will of the voters by invalidating Proposition 8; Father Anthony McGuire, former pastor of Most Holy Redeemer parish, and San Francisco City Assessor Phil Ting, who in June, 2008 officiated at at least one same-sex "wedding."

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**December 2, 2008**

Most Holy Redeemer Eucharistic Minister and past Pastoral Council vice-president Patrick Mulcahey appeared with Fr. Donal Godfrey at a book signing event for "Gays and Grays" at San Francisco's Castro District Books, Inc. Mr. Mulcahey is a noted practitioner of the sadomasochistic "leather" lifestyle, who has given numerous workshops on the subject. Fr. Godfrey is Executive Director of Campus Ministry at the (Jesuit) University of San Francisco.

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**December 4, 2008**

From the "Bay Area Reporter's Wedding Announcements page: *"This week's wedding announcements include Ralph Lindsey and Philip Carrizosa... Ralph K. Lindsey Jr. and G. Philip R. Carrizosa were married Saturday, November 1, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. at Terra Gallery on Rincon Hill overlooking downtown San Francisco. More than 75 friends and relatives attended the ceremony, which was officiated by retired Court of Appeal Justice Joanne Parrilli...."The ceremony was a mixture of civil and religious elements, reflecting the couple's deep faith. Mr. Lindsey is an active member of Glide Memorial Methodist Church while Mr. Carrizosa is an acolyte and lector at Most Holy Redeemer Parish."*

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- December 18, 2008** The December 19 issue of *Catholic San Francisco* publishes a letter to the editor from Michael Vargas & Martin Bednarek. It begins: *Archbishop Niederauer's recent "open letter" did nothing but rub salt in the wounds for at least two members of his flock. My husband and I do not think we are alone....* According to MHR's "Lectors" page, Mr. Vargas is a lector at the Church. According to the September 9, 2007 church bulletin, Mr. Bednarek was serving at that time in the music ministry. By our count this makes seven persons serving in liturgical ministries at MHR who have "married" persons of the same sex.
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- January 3, 2009** Following the passage of Proposition 8, Most Holy Redeemer Church is vandalized. The vandals spray-painted "*Ratzinger, Niederauer, Where is the love?*" with swastikas, on the property. KCBS radio covered the story, and quoted Fr. Steve Meriwether, pastor of Most Holy Redeemer: "*Pastor Steve Meriweather told KCBS his parishioners actually share the vandals' sentiment against Prop 8. 'I think it's unfortunate that they selected our community to attack,' said Meriweather, 'because it's the wrong one.'*"
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- January 6, 2009** Following the vandalism at Most Holy Redeemer, openly homosexual Supervisor Bevan Duffy introduces resolution condemning the vandalism. He express support for Most Holy Redeemer and immediate past CCCYO Executive Director Brian Cahill. He also informs Board of Supervisors that "*... the Sunday after the November election when proposition 8 passed, all of the congregants who had been married since June were asked to stand and to receive the blessing at the church.*"
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- February 22, 2009** The Most Holy Redeemer Church bulletin of February 22, 2009 reports that the church will host a production of a play called "Be Still and Know." From the bulletin: "*The director, John Loschmann, along with the cast and crew from Sacred Heart Preparatory School, Atherton will perform "Be Still and Know" at Most Holy Redeemer on Sunday, March 8 at 2 pm. All are welcome. This play is based on the novel, The God Box, by Alex Sanchez and adapted for the stage by John Loschmann. It explores the subject of homosexuality within a Christian, adolescent context.*" The principal of Sacred Heart of Atherton is Mr. James Everitt. There is also a Mr. James Everitt listed as a lector on the Most Holy Redeemer webpage.
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- March 6, 2009** San Francisco Archbishop George Niederauer forces Most Holy Redeemer to cancel performance of "Be Still and Know" production by the students of Sacred Heart of Atherton, scheduled to be performed March 8, 2009. Archdiocesan spokesman Maurice Healy said: "*The parish has cancelled the play at the request of Archbishop George H. Niederauer...Bishop William Justice, vicar for clergy, communicated this to the parish.*"
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- March 8, 2009** The University of San Francisco allows "Be Still and Know" to be performed at the University's Presentation Theater, despite Archbishop Niederauer's forcing Most Holy Redeemer to cancel the production. Archdiocesan spokesman Maurice Healy said "*I had not heard this. The Archbishop, I am sure, was not aware of this. He presently is in Rome at a communication seminar.*"
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- May 28, 2009** Most Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council member Matt Dorsey writes guest column for the "Bay Area Reporter" (motto: "Serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities since 1971") called "Niederauer Deserves Pink Brick." Dorsey argues that the San Francisco Pride Committee should bestow the 2009 "Pink Brick" on San Francisco Archbishop George Niederauer for his "remorseless" support of Proposition 8 and natural marriage.
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- June 18, 2009** Following the recommendation of Most Holy Redeemer Pastoral Council member Matt Dorsey the San Francisco Pride Committee bestows 2009 "Pink Brick" on San Francisco Archbishop George Niederauer for his support of Proposition 8 and natural marriage.
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- June 21, 2009** Most Holy Redeemer parish bulletin of June 21, 2009 runs item: *"Dignity / USA will hold its 40th Anniversary Convention at the Parc 55 Hotel in San Francisco, July 2-5. All are welcome! For information, [CLICK HERE](#)"*
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- July 2, 2009** DignityUSA Convention begins. A Keynote speaker is Richard Rodriguez, one-time parishioner of MHR. Convention features workshop: *"Leather Spirituality as an Ingredient of Christian Life."* Also includes a liturgy sponsored by "The Defenders" a "leather" (s/m) group who have been nearly annual guests at MHR's Ellard Hall over the past decade. From the Defenders/SF website: *"What we notice about our sexual experience as leather people is that much of what turns us on sexually has to do with such things as power exchange (dominance/submission)".* Fr. Donal Godfrey, SJ, Executive Director of Campus Ministry at USF will also present seminar *"Gays and Grays: Parish-Based Pastoral Care for GLBT People."*
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- October 13, 2009** The *California Catholic Daily* reports *"Four Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of San Francisco are scheduled to host a performance of the condom-endorsing sex-education play Secrets. The play was written by openly lesbian playwright Patricia Loughrey."* One of the high schools is Sacred Heart of Atherton, whose principal, Mr. James Everitt, is also a lector at Most Holy Redeemer.
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- November 18, 2009** The online newspaper *Metro San Jose* publishes article called *"Gay Catholics Come Out-Secretly, San Jose is the most gay-friendly diocese in the nation. And now, one parish wants the world to know."* The article notes the authoritative position that is accruing to Most Holy Redeemer: *"(Fr. Jon) Pedigo said that as he started to notice the growing LGBT Catholic community that was coming to St. Julie's, he decided to consult the established gay Catholic community at the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in San Francisco's Castro District."*
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- July 16, 2010** Most Holy Redeemer pastor Fr. Stephen Meriwether appointed to a second six-year term at the parish. Fr. Meriwether has served as pastor at MHR since 2004.
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**September 3, 2010**

Most Holy Redeemer Eucharistic Minister and past Pastoral Council vice-president Patrick Mulcahey presents two workshops at the "Master/slave Conference 2010" in Washington DC September 3-6, 2010. The Conference describes itself as "The only EDUCATIONAL MASTER/slave Event . . . The largest gathering of Masters and slaves." Mr. Mulcahey gives workshops on "Monogamy in M/s" and "Building your Collaring Ceremony." Mr. Mulcahey is a long-time associate of Donal Godfrey, Executive Director of University Ministry at USF.

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**September 15, 2010**

Around this time, "Catholics for Equality" is formed--a group of same-sex attracted persons who oppose the Church's teaching on homosexuality. One of the Co-founders, Eugene McMullan, states on his biographical page that he and his "fiance" are parishioners at Most Holy Redeemer. Mr. McMullan, the inventor of the "queer rosary" also says he came up with the idea while at prayer at MHR.

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