

PLENARY SPEAKERS



JOHN ALLAN "J.A." LOFTUS, S.J. **Thursday Evening Keynote**

The ultimate Good News story: Learning to Re-calibrate an Internal Compass

As St. Paul says, "For why should my liberty be subject to the judgment of someone else's conscience?"

(1 Corinthians 10: 29 NRSV)

Father John Allan Loftus, S.J. (known as "J.A." to friends) is a psychologist in private practice and the Director of the Jesuit Urban Center at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Boston's historic South End. He is the former president of Regis College, the Jesuit graduate faculty of theology at the University of Toronto, and the former Executive Director of Southdown,

Canada's large psychiatric treatment facility for clergy and ministers. He has written extensively and lectured widely on topics relating psychology and religion, including sexual misconduct by religious professionals.

SUSAN ROSS

Friday Morning Plenary

Love and Justice: the Pope and the LGBTQ Community

What do the writings of the Pope have to say about love, justice, and sexuality? In this presentation, I will discuss the implications of papal writings for the LGBTQ community and raise some questions about inclusivity, the marginalized, and understandings of human and divine love.

Susan A. Ross, Ph.D., is Professor of Theology, Loyola University Chicago. She is the author of "Extravagant Affections: A Feminist Sacramental Theology" (Continuum, 1998), "For the Beauty of the Earth: Women, Sacramentality, and Justice" (Paulist, 2006), and numerous essays and book chapters on sexuality, embodiment, sacramental theology, and ethics.



DIANA HAYES, J.D., PH.D., S.T.D. **Saturday Morning Plenary**

Who Do You Say that I AM: Speaking Truth to the People

How do we speak truth to each other without causing further pain and/or anger? We search for words that soothe and keep the peace while realizing that we must be honest about our fears, our angers, our desires. Jesus told the woman at the well all of her secrets. To be open is to be vulnerable: How do I, a heterosexual Black woman, speak truth to my brothers and sisters of other races/ethnicities and sexual orientations in ways that bring us closer together rather than separating us?

Diana L. Hayes, J.D., Ph.D. S.T.D., is Associate Professor of Systematic Theology in the Department of Theology at Georgetown University. Her areas of specialization include: Womanist Theology, Black Theology, U.S. Liberation Theologies, and Religion and Public Life. Dr. Hayes is the first African American woman to receive the Pontifical Doctor of Sacred Theology degree from the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) and has also received three honorary doctorates. She is the author of five books and more than 50 articles.

MOST REV. JOSEPH M. SULLIVAN

Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Brooklyn (Ret.)

Sunday Morning Plenary

The Church: A Communio We Strive to Become

Baptized into Christ, we are all called to holiness.

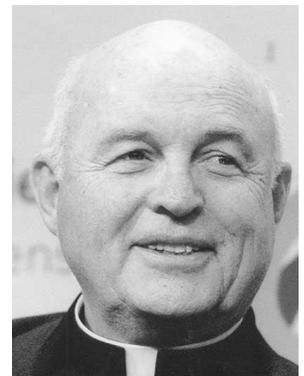
The signs of a faithful Church.

Prayer and dialogue are indispensable to knowing and loving God and one another.

Before his ordination as Bishop in 1981, **Most Rev. Joseph M. Sullivan** was executive director of Catholic Charities and executive vice-president of the board of trustees of Catholic Charities. With master's degrees in both social work and public administration, he has served on numerous Church and civic boards concerned with health and human services on the national, state and local levels, including as chairman of the Social Development and World Peace Department of the United States Catholic

Conference. He also chaired the committee that produced the pastoral letter, "In All Things Charity:

A Pastoral Challenge for the New Millennium."



13th Annual Conference

GOOD NEWS STORIES — PROMISE OF HOPE



Hosted in the Diocese of
Brooklyn, New York

September 21-24
2006



**National Association of Catholic Diocesan
Lesbian and Gay Ministries**

WHO WE ARE ...

Ministry with lesbian and gay persons and their families and friends encompasses some of the most challenging and needed work now being done in the Catholic Church.

If you are engaged in this ministry, thinking about this ministry, starting this ministry, supportive of this ministry, benefiting from this ministry, join us for our **13th Annual Conference** —

GOOD NEWS STORIES — PROMISE OF HOPE

NACDLGM (The National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian and Gay Ministries) leads the way in this ministry within the Catholic Church, acting as a network and resource for individuals, parishes, schools, religious orders, hospitals, retreat centers, social justice ministries, family life ministries, and dioceses.

We work to make people feel welcome in the Church and help families to understand that their lesbian and gay members are, as the U.S. Bishops have stated, "always our children." Our Association members are active in creating welcoming communities for gay and lesbian Catholics and their families. We support people in ministry with resources, ideas, and fellowship. We stay in communication with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and with local Diocesan bishops.

Founded in 1994, **NACDLGM** now counts members in 84 parishes and 52 dioceses in the USA and Canada.

NACDLGM membership is not only for those doing ministry, but also for those who support the ministry with public awareness, prayer, volunteer efforts, and financial contributions.

At our conference, you will enjoy powerful liturgies, dynamic speakers addressing issues of concern in this ministry, focus sessions on specific aspects of ministry and church life, and fellowship with other ministers and leaders.

We invite you to join **NACDLGM** in sharing the good news of God's love and extending a hand of welcome.

Visit our website at **www.nacdlgm.org** to read our Mission Statement and find out about our history, leadership, and current projects.

REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE:

First time attendee? Yes No

Are you a current member? If Yes, check membership type: Individual Household Parish Diocesan

Diocese: _____ Parish: _____

Name as it should appear on nametag:

(include title if desired) _____

Are you involved in this ministry? Yes No If yes, what is your role? _____

Last Name: _____ First: _____ MI _____

Title: (circle one) Ms. Mrs. Mr. Dr. Sr. Br. Rev. Other _____

Address: _____

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Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

NEEDS:

Dietary Needs? Yes No Specify _____

Wheelchair Access? Interpreter for the Deaf? Language Translation? (specify) _____

Other _____

MEETING/WORKSHOP REGISTRATION

Thurs., Sept. 21 3:30 pm Welcome/Information Session

Fri., Sept. 22 4:30 pm Membership Meeting

Sat., Sept. 23 11:45 am Colleague Conversations

If you are interested in facilitating a Colleague Conversation tell us what group or topic would be involved:

Workshops (Please circle one for each session)

Friday 1:00 pm	Friday 2:45 pm	Saturday 1:30 pm	Saturday 3:15 pm
A1	B1	C1	D1
A2	B2	C2	D2
A3	B3	C3	D3
A4	B4	C4	D4
A5	B5	C5	D5

CONFERENCE FEES

Registration:	Member	Non-Member	Student*
Regular (by 8/15)	\$ 235	\$ 275	\$ 210
Late (after 8/15)	\$ 270	\$ 310	\$ 245
Thursday only	\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 40
Friday only	\$ 90	\$ 100	\$ 80
Saturday only	\$ 90	\$ 100	\$ 80
Sunday only	\$ 45	\$ 50	\$ 40

*Student membership included with student registration for 2 consecutive days or more.

Optional: Saturday Banquet \$40

For information about an exhibit table, check here

MEMBERSHIP:

Individual: \$40 Household (2 members): \$75
Parish (2 members): \$100 Diocesan (4 members): \$200

PAYMENT

Registration Fee: \$ _____

Saturday Banquet: \$ _____

(Please circle one: Chicken Vegetarian)

I'd like to become a member: \$ _____

I'd like to contribute to the Walter Sullivan Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

I want to help sponsor a speaker/event.

Enclosed is my donation of \$75 or: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Method:

Check made out to **NACDLGM**

Credit Card: Visa MC Amex Discover
CC # _____

Expiration Date _____

Name on Card: _____

Signature _____

BISHOP WALTER F. SULLIVAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Walter F. Sullivan Scholarship Fund exists to help persons who wish to attend the **NACDLGM** Conference but lack the funds. The fund honors the founding bishop of the oldest diocesan ministry with gay and lesbian Catholics in the United States. Donations are greatly appreciated.

A limited number of scholarships are available for the 2006 conference.

(Contact **NACDLGM** for an application.)

Mail registration form with check or credit card information to:

NACDLGM

1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

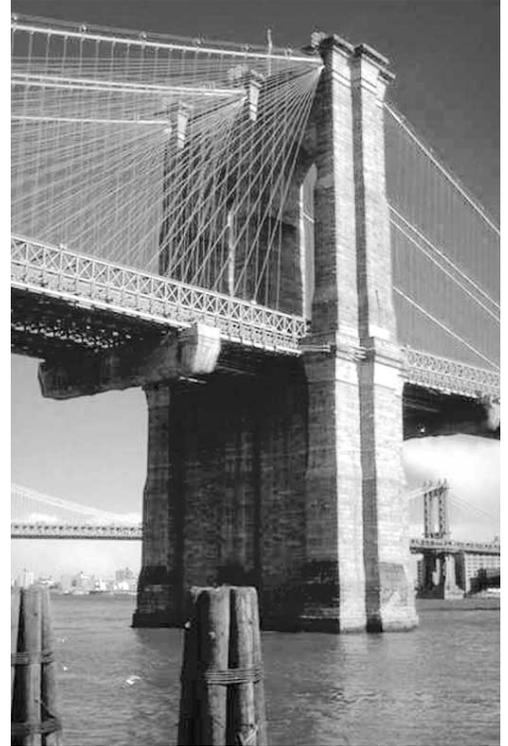
12 noon	Registration and Exhibits open
3:30 PM	Welcome/Information Session about NACDLGM
7:00 PM	Opening Session — Keynote by John Allan "J.A." Loftus
9:00 PM	Reception

FRIDAY

7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast (Marriott Hotel)
8:00 AM	Registration and Exhibits open
9:00 AM	Plenary Session — Speaker, Susan Ross
11:30 AM	Lunch (ON YOUR OWN)
1:00- 2:30 PM	Focus Session A
2:45- 4:15 PM	Focus Session B
4:30 PM	Membership Meeting
6:30 PM	Dinner (ON YOUR OWN)

SATURDAY

7:30 AM	Continental Breakfast (Marriott Hotel)
8:00 AM	Registration and Exhibits
9:00 AM	Plenary Session — Speaker, Diana Hayes
11:30 AM	Lunch (ON YOUR OWN)
11:45 AM	Colleague Conversations
1:30- 3:00 PM	Focus Session C
3:15- 4:45 PM	Focus Session D
6:30 PM	Eucharistic Liturgy at the Cathedral Basilica of St. James
8:00 PM	Conference Dinner/Banquet (optional)



SUNDAY

8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast (Marriott Hotel)
9:00 AM	Plenary Session — Speaker, Bishop Joseph Sullivan
11:30 AM	Closing Prayer

✉ NOTE TO MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA

Reporters, either staff or freelance, are required to check-in at the conference registration table on arrival and identify themselves and the media outlets they represent. **NACDLGM** reserves the right to control access to the conference or portions of the proceedings to media representatives. Failure to disclose media affiliation may result in violation of libel laws.

CONFERENCE EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE

THE CONFERENCE HOTEL — NEW YORK CITY MARRIOTT AT THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE

The Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge has reserved a limited number of rooms for **NACDLGM** Conference attendees at the rate of \$159 (an excellent rate for Metro New York). Please make your reservations as soon as possible; this rate will not be available when reserved rooms are filled, or after August 30. Call the Marriott toll free reservation number 1-888-436-3759; or the hotel directly 1-718-246-7000. Be sure to mention that you are with the National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian and Gay Ministries conference.

FOCUS SESSIONS

- A1 Coming Out and Staying In: A Gay Priest Receives the Sacrament of Acceptance.** Fr. Fred Daley, 31 years a priest of the Diocese of Syracuse; Pastor, St. Francis de Sales parish, Utica, NY. He will tell his story of struggle with and acceptance of his sexual orientation, and the experience of coming out publicly. (Repeated D2).
- A2 Allies Clubs at U.S. Jesuit Colleges and Universities.** Fr. Michael F. Tunney, S.J., M.F.A., M.S., S.T.M., M.Div., is Professor of Fine Arts and Director of the studio art program at Canisius College, Buffalo, NY. He will survey the history of LGBT allies clubs on U.S. Jesuit campuses today — their stories, struggles and successes. In response to a specific scenario, participants will role-play from various perspectives and reflect on that experience.
- A3 LGBT Urban Ministry.** Sr. Ann Citarella, Dennis Petragani, Pastoral Associates, and Ed Poliandro, Ph.D., Psychologist & Consultant, St. Francis Xavier Parish, New York City.
- A4 De Colores (video).** Un documental bilingüe de 28 minutos mostrando como las familias y comunidades latinas están reemplazando la homofobia con la tolerancia y el amor. A través de historias personales aprendemos como familias rompen barreras culturales y como el amor siempre prevalece. Bilingual documentary about how Latino families are replacing the deep roots of homophobia with even deeper roots of love and tolerance. With discussion.
- A5 Family Systems.** Meg Bergh, Diocese of Albany, Family Life Director, whose office includes Ministry with Families of Gay and Lesbian Catholics. Who are . . . Where are . . . and How do we minister to . . . the families of today? We'll look at how the church welcomes each family and is present through the family's life cycle.
- B1 All God's Children (video).** A political, social and religious analysis of sexual orientation within the context of the traditional African-American values of freedom, inclusion and the Christian love ethic. With discussion.
- B2 Homosexuality and Scripture.** Jamie Manson, M.Div., Director of Faith Formation, St. Francis Xavier Parish, New York City. This session will consider appropriate ways of understanding scripture as "inspired," discuss the cultural and historical context of biblical literature, and reflect on the presence of harmful texts in the Bible.
- B3 Diocesan Ministry: Strategies and Models for Effective Ministry.** Fr. Jim Schexnayder, M.Div., priest of the Oakland Diocese for 42 years, national board member of the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies in Religion & Ministry, and NACDLGM Resource Director; and Meg Bergh, Director of the Albany Diocese Office of Family Life. Drawing from the CARA national survey of diocesan ministries and from the experience of a diocesan model in Albany, NY, this focus session will interactively spotlight best practices for diocesan ministry.
- B4 LGBT Advocacy within Faith Communities.** Chris Cormier, ESPA. Mr. Cormier leads an initiative to create a network of supportive leaders of faith throughout New York State who will advocate for the LGBT community. This session will focus on ways to show support for LGBT persons and their families, in your faith community and with elected officials.
- B5 Understanding Documents from the Holy See.** Msgr. John Strykowski, S.T.D., Rector of St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn; former seminary rector, pastor, Vatican and USCCB official. This session addresses interpreting Vatican documents by their type, the level of authority issuing the document, and the place of the document within the larger context of Catholic tradition.
- C1 Rebuild My Church (and use all the materials!).** Joni Thompson and Irene Urvanejo have been involved in small group ministry with LGBT Catholics, their friends and families for many years, first with Koinonia in Orange County, CA, then in a similar ministry in Albuquerque, NM. This session will be a conversation about MILAGRO (Ministry Involving Lesbians and Gays Reaching Out). Based in Catholic tradition and teaching, MILAGRO celebrates eight years of small group community, open to all.
- C2 I Exist (video).** Explores individual journeys of lesbian and gay people of Middle Eastern cultures living in the United States. The cultural and religious challenges that many lesbian and gay Middle Eastern people endure are unparalleled as they learn how to join both their cultural heritage and sexual identity. Yet, stories of hope emerge and show that a family's love can always win over hatred and ignorance.
- C3 Story-Telling: Insights from Liberation Theology.** James Nickoloff, Ph.D., S.T.L., M.Div., Associate Professor of Religious Studies at College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA. Story telling is at the heart of both Latin American and North American theologies of liberation. So is the challenge of distinguishing truth from lies in the stories we tell.
- C4 Ministry with LGBT Young People.** Dennis Petragani, Pastoral Associate at St. Francis Xavier Parish, New York City.
- C5 Same-Sex Marriage: Impossible? Exception? Alternative?** Edward Vacek, S.J., S.T.L., Ph.D., Professor of Christian Ethics at Weston Jesuit School of Theology; author of "Love, Human and Divine." This session will compare same-sex marriages and other forms of marriage, current public standards for marriage, and important questions raised by traditional standards. (Repeated D4).
- D1 Transsexuality and Catholicism.** Jamie Manson, M.Div., Director of Faith Formation, St. Francis Xavier Parish, New York City; Yale graduate with focus on sexual ethics and human relationality. This session highlights how transsexuality can be a keystone in understanding the complexities behind sex, gender, and sexuality, and will explore the severe emotional and societal injustices faced by transsexual people.
- D2 Coming Out and Staying In: A Gay Priest Receives the Sacrament of Acceptance.** Fr. Fred Daley. (Repeat of A1).
- D3 Coming Out, Coming Home (video).** Asian families talk about accepting their lesbian and gay daughters and sons. With discussion.
- D4 Same-Sex Marriage: Impossible? Exception? Alternative?** Edward Vacek, S.J. (Repeat of C5).
- D5 Who Do You Say that I Am: Speaking Truth to the People.** Diana Hayes. A litany for survival: How do we recognize what prevents us from speaking truth to each other's power, whether real or assumed?