

Registration Form

IN-OUT-WITH

March 24-27, 2025

I am a: Priest Brother Deacon

Name _____

Name of Religious Community or Diocese _____

Street Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Dietary or Other Special Needs _____

Registration Fee: \$595

Cancellation Policy: Prior to March 8th, all but \$25 is refundable.

Partial scholarships available before February 8, 2025. Send email explaining the need to info@NewWaysMinistry.org

Registration fee includes overnight accommodations and meals.

Make checks payable to "New Ways Ministry" and send with completed registration form

to:

New Ways Ministry

4012 29th Street, Mt. Rainier, MD 20712

Register online at

www.NewWaysMinistry.org/inoutwith

Travel Information

to Holy Family Retreat Center

By Plane: Bradley International Airport
By Rail: Union Station, Hartford

*New Ways Ministry will make every effort to provide transportation to and from airport and rail station. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee it. For the best possibility of getting a ride, plan to arrive at either airport or rail station between **11:00 am and 3:00 pm Eastern Time.***



Founded in 1977,

New Ways Ministry

is an affirming ministry of advocacy and justice for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) Catholics, and reconciliation within the larger Catholic and civil communities.

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Retreat for Gay

Priests/Religious/Deacons

March 24 - 27, 2024

Holy Family Passionist

Retreat Center

303 Tunxis Road

West Hartford,

Connecticut 06107

Sponsored by New Ways Ministry

Retreat Leader

Paul Morrissey, D. Min., an Augustinian friar and ordained priest, received his doctoral degree in spiritual direction from Weston (Jesusit) College in Cambridge, Mass. With Sr. Jeannine Gramick and Fr. Bob Nugent, he co-founded the Philadelphia Dignity Chapter in 1973. In 1977, he co-founded Communication Ministry (CMI), which linked gay priests, brothers and sisters internationally through monthly newsletters, journals, and retreats until 1993.



Most recently, Paul ministered as a prison chaplain in the Philadelphia Prison. He has authored many magazine articles and three books, including the forthcoming *Why I Remain a Catholic: A Spiritual-Sexual Journey* (Paulist Press, June 2025). His webpage, *TouchedbyGod.net*, intends to foster a dialogue about the gift of sexuality.

Schedule

Monday, March 24, 2025

4:30 pm Arrival and Check-in
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Introductions
8:30 pm Evening Prayer
9:00 pm Social

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Presentation with Q&A: "IN"
Our childhood and young adult memories of church and sexuality
10:30 am Break
10:45 am Small Group/Large Group Discussion
12:00 pm Lunch
2:30pm Presentation with Q&A: "OUT"
Our memory of tension and breaks (or lack thereof) from the church
3:30 pm Break
3:45 am Small Group/Large Group Discussion
5:00 pm Break
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Evening Prayer
7:30 pm Film and Social

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:30 am Presentation with Q&A: "WITH"
Our attempts — or not — with reconciliation
10:30 am Break
10:45 am Small Group/Large Group Discussion
12:00 pm Lunch, followed by Free Afternoon
6:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Evening Prayer
7:30 pm Social

Thursday, March 27, 2025

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am "Debrief/Dialogue"
10:00 am Evaluation and Break
10:45 am Eucharist
12:00 pm Lunch and Departure

Retreat Description

Through a variety of media, we will explore together important milestones in our life journeys as gay priests/religious/deacons.

The retreat days will be structured around three main topics:

1) **Remembered Innocence** of our childhood/youth **IN** the Church (or your family).
2) **A Separate Self**--The experience of realizing one is **OUT** of the Church/the family as one develops an ego separate from one's early sense of community.

3) **Integrating the Self**--**WITH** one's place/role/presence in the Church--an ongoing struggle, perhaps given up on or not, yet with feelings that beg to be owned.

Our days together will combine talks, small group discussions, interactive projects, silent meditation, prayer, and socializing.

