

"As a parent of two adult gay children, I found the weekend for LGBT+ persons and their allies spiritually nourishing. It was wonderful to be in a safe place with others--young and old, gay and straight, lay and professed religious, who honestly struggled together to understand our faith and its challenges to us."

~Beth Garascia

Participant in 2016 Retreat



Sisters of Charity Retreat Center

5900 Delhi Rd., Cincinnati, OH

October 27th-29th

Dinner on Friday-Lunch on Sunday

Registration Information

Overnight Registration \$160
Commuter Registration \$100

Space is limited, so register now!

Register Online:
www.msjc.net/lgbtretreat

Mail-In Registration:
(Name, Contact Info, and Check)
523 E Southern Ave
Covington, KY 41015

Scholarships are available. If you are able,
please strongly consider donating to
our scholarship fund at
www.gofundme.com/catholic-marianist-lgbtq-retreat



**All Are Welcome:
The Way You Are**

Retreat for LGBT Persons
and Their Allies



About

THE LGBT INITIATIVE

The LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgender) Initiative, an issue team of the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative, responds to the Church's call to be welcoming and compassionate by offering effective pastoral care and spiritual support for LGBT Catholics and their families. We foster dialogue, education and understanding among the diverse communities and institutions affiliated with the Marianist family. Our goal is to fully welcome our Marianist LGBT members into all aspects of our communities.

Presenters



Bill Tonnis

Bill Tonnis has an M.A. from the College of Mount Saint Joseph in Religious and Pastoral Studies. He is the Pastoral Associate for Outreach at Our Lady of Visitation in Cincinnati. Bill is also a retreat leader/presenter, chaplain, music minister, and singer/songwriter.



Allie Brizzi

Alexandra (Allie) Brizzi grew up in Pittsburgh, PA before moving to Cincinnati, OH, for high school, then attended the University of Dayton. Allie is a Lay Marianist, and currently a theology teacher at Roger Bacon High School in Cincinnati, OH



Fr. Jack Wessling

Fr. Jack Wessling teaches at Ursuline Academy and assists at Good Shephard parish in Cincinnati. He graduated in 1959 from Mount St. Mary Seminary where he was ordained in 1958. Stationed at Holy Angels Church, he began his teaching ministry at Purcell HS prior to earning his doctorate in theology.



Fr. John Ferone

Fr. Ferone is a member of the Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus. He was formerly on staff at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, OH. He is presently on staff at St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati, OH.

What can you expect from the weekend?

The MSJC LGBT Initiative Team has been working hard to coordinate with our presenters to provide a quality, faith-filled, and affirming experience for all of our retreatants. Join us as we spend the weekend learning how to build a welcoming community. Enjoy time spent with God in prayer and in community with others. Our presenters will speak on topics such as Finding Your True Self, Setting the Table, and All Are Called.

We hope you'll consider joining us to find your place at the Marianist table. If you are unable to attend, please consider following the link on the back of this brochure to make a donation to our scholarships fund. Thank you!

