

LGBTQ+ Realities Study Group Resources

The materials in this packet are grouped by topics or themes. When you click on a thematic link, you will be brought to a list of resources related to that particular theme. These resources will be in the form of various types of media, such as books, videos, webpages, articles, etc. Many of the resources could fall under more than one theme. However, in the interest of simplicity, most are only listed under what seems to be the predominant theme, with just a few listed more than once.

Please note that the links to articles, videos, and websites require you to "Control Click" in order to access them.

Introductory and Foundational Material on Sexuality, Spirituality, Celibacy

[Welcome and Context Setting Letter](#)

[Selected Terminology on Gender Issues](#)

Cahill, Lisa Sowle, Garvey, John and Kennedy, T. Frank, SJ, Editors. [Sexuality and the US Catholic Church – Crisis and Renewal](#). Crossroad Publishing Company, New York, NY, 2006

Falkenhain, John Mark, OSB. [How We Love: A Formation for the Celibate Life](#). Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN, 2019.

Ferder, Fran and Heagle, John. [Your Sexual Self: Pathway to Authentic Intimacy](#). Ave Maria Press, Notre Dame, IN, 1992.

Ferder, Fran, FSPA, Ph.D., and Heagle, John, MA, JCL. [Tender Fires: The Spiritual Promise of Sexuality](#). Crossroad Publishing, New York, NY, 2002.

McClintock, Karen A. [Sexual Shame: An Urgent Call to Healing](#). Fortress Press, Minneapolis, MN, 2001

Rolheiser, Ronald. [The Holy Longing: The Search for a Christian Spirituality](#). Doubleday, New York, NY, 1999.

Strong, Eric, MD., [Sex, Gender, and Sexuality - Explained \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...). This is a well-presented video. We would urge those who view the video to also see the first couple of comments under the video which provide some updated material.

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Whitehead, Evelyn and Whitehead, James. [A Sense of Sexuality](#), Crossroad Publishing, New York, NY, 1989. This resource is a good one for setting a context.

Church Teaching

DeBernardo, Francis and Shine, Robert. [A Home for All: A Catholic Call for Non-Discrimination](#). This booklet explains how the social justice teaching of the Church compels all Catholics to support non-discrimination policies for LGBTQ people in church and society. It also contains 24 testimonials from Catholic leaders, including bishops and cardinals, theologians, educators, and Catholics in the pew. Available from New Ways Ministry: [Publications - New Ways Ministry](#)

[Declaration Fiducia Supplicans On the Pastoral Meaning of Blessings \(18 December 2023\) \(vatican.va\)](#)

DiCorpo, Ryan. [Pope Francis defends blessings for same-sex couples, calls homosexuality "a human fact" in CBS interview - Outreach](#). May 20, 2024

[The Editors: Vatican document on same-sex blessings does not confuse church teaching—it deepens it | America Magazine](#), January 16, 2024

Krajewski, Greg. [An Outreach conversation about the LGBTQ Catholic message - Outreach](#). June 27, 2024

Martin, James, SJ. [Pope Francis and Cardinal McElroy speak out on LGBTQ issues - Outreach](#). February 7, 2023

Martin, James, SJ. [What is the official church teaching on homosexuality? Responding to a commonly asked question | America Magazine](#). April 6, 2018

O'Brien, David. [Historian David O'Brien: What does the Catholic Church have to say to LGBTQ people? - Outreach](#). September 3, 2023

Quinan, Daniel. [Intrinsic Evil and Disorder: How To Misunderstand the Catholic Catechism | Spiritual Friendship](#)

Stowe, Bishop John, OFM Conv. [Bishop John Stowe: LGBTQ community an example of "unselfish love." - Outreach](#). December 20, 2022

USCCB. [ministry-persons-homosexual-inclination-2006.pdf \(usccb.org\)](#). November 14, 2006

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[Vatican blasts gender-affirming surgery in new 20-page doctrine | AP News, April 8, 2024](#)

Wester, Archbishop John C. [Archbishop John C. Wester: The church should baptize children of same-sex couples - Outreach](#). July 31, 2022

Winfield, Nicole. [Pope Francis reaffirms primacy of conscience amid criticism of 'Amoris Laetitia' | America Magazine](#). November 11, 2017

**LGBTQ+: Orientation and Gender Identity,
Mental Health; Impact of Negativity; etc.**

Alison, James. [Faith Beyond Resentment: Fragments Catholic and Gay](#), Crossroads Publishing Co., New York, NY, 2001

Alison, James. [On Being Liked](#), The Crossroad Publishing Co., New York, NY, 2003

Battaglino, Stephanie. [Reflections from Both Sides of the Glass Ceiling: Finding My True Self in Corporate America](#). After having worked as a male in the corporate world, Stephanie "comes out" as a trans-female, and encounters the glass ceiling...

DeBernardo, Francis, and Shine, Robert. [A Home for All: A Catholic Call for LGBTQ Non-Discrimination](#). Available from New Ways Ministry: NewWaysMinistry.org/publications

DeBernardo, Francis. [New Ways and Next Steps: Developing Parish LGBTQ+ Ministry](#) - available from New Ways Ministry, including bulk pricing. NewWaysMinistry.org/publications

[DignityUSA | Celebrating the wholeness and holiness of LGBTQIA+ Catholics](#), Dignity USA -- Building an Inclusive LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Catholic Church

Doyle, Glennon. [Untamed: Stop Pleasing, Start Living](#). Memoir with a raw and honest account of the author's journey to self-acceptance and empowerment.

Duddy-Burke, Marianne. [The origins and early years of DignityUSA - Outreach](#). August 27, 2023

Fortunate Families, [Home | Fortunate Families](#)

Hope, Richard Beck. [Unclean: Meditation on Purity, Hospitality, and Mortality](#)

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[Human Rights Campaign \(hrc.org\)](https://www.hrc.org) "We've spent more than 40 years creating the most powerful movement for equality our country has ever seen. But despite this progress, our most marginalized are still suffering from violence, discrimination and fear. Our goal is to ensure that all LGBTQ+ people, and particularly those of us who are trans, people of color and HIV+, are treated as full and equal citizens within our movement, across our country and around the world."

Martin, James, SJ. [Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity](#) (2018 Edition)

New Ways Ministry –

General Link: [Home - New Ways Ministry](#)

Blog link: [Blog - New Ways Ministry](#)

Women Religious Link: [Religious Life - Women - New Ways Ministry](#)

O'Connor, Melody. [A plea: Be charitable to LGBTQ people in comments sections - Outreach](#), September 5, 2024.

Outreach Faith (founded by James Martin, SJ): [Home - Outreach](#) – link to the Homepage, and [Resources - Outreach](#), link to many articles, videos, and other media on related topics.

Owning Our Faith website: [Owning Our Faith](#)

Palmieri, David. [Exclusionary diocesan policies on gender and sexuality can harm LGBTQ students' mental health - Outreach](#). March 6, 2023

Pearson, Baptist Bishop Clayton. [The Gospel of Inclusion: Reaching Beyond Religious Fundamentalism to the True Love of God and Self](#), Atria, 2006.

Pollitt, Russell, SJ. [South African Jesuit: Many LGBTQ people in my country still live in fear - Outreach](#). November 9, 2022

Rozzano, Janet, RSM. [Out of Silence God Has Called Me: A Lesbian Religious Tells Her Story](#). PDF version available from New Ways Ministry by control clicking this link: [Religious Life - Women - New Ways Ministry](#). Then click on Books/Booklets to find the link to the PDF.

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Ruiz, Ish and Guevarra, Mark, Editors. [Corner Stones: Sacred Stories of LGBTQ+ Employees in Catholic Institutions](#). Anthology of 12 stories of faith, sacrifice, joy, and pain by LGBTQ+ people who have been employed by Catholic parishes and schools. Stories are grouped in three categories: those fired from Catholic schools; those fired from Catholic parishes; those still employed in Catholic institutions with support from their employers. Available from New Ways Ministry [Publications - New Ways Ministry](#), and Amazon.

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas:

- control click on [Sisters of Mercy](#) to go right to their SOGI material (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity),
- or go to [Sisters of Mercy - Catholic Women Religious Congregation](#), and then do a search using *SOGI* to get to a wealth of materials.

Steidl, Jason. [LGBTQ Catholic Ministry Past and Present](#),

Surdovel, Grace, IHM, Editor. [Love Tenderly: Sacred Stories of Lesbian and Queer Religious](#). This anthology by 23 vowed women religious explores their questions of vowed life, falling in love, and advice they would give to a lesbian or queer woman considering religious life. Valuable for one's own psycho-sexual-spiritual journey. Available from New Ways Ministry: [Publications - New Ways Ministry](#), and from Amazon.com. 50% discount offered to Women Religious from New Ways Ministry.

[The Trevor Project: 2023 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ Young People](#), The Trevor Project -- US National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ Young People. This has statistics relative to racism included in it.

Trujillo, Yunuen. [LGBTQ Catholics: A Guide to Inclusive Ministry](#)

[Welcome to the Family Acceptance Project® | Family Acceptance Project ® \(sfsu.edu\)](#), The Family Acceptance Project. This also has some information relevant to aspects of racism, but not that much.

Without Exception, [Home \(withoutexception.net\)](#) is a network of Catholic secondary educators dedicated to discerning the art of accompaniment for LGBTQ+ students in Catholic schools. Through a commitment to faithful dialogue and peer collaboration, we seek to understand what it means to love every person without exception. We also welcome allies from related fields of ministry to young people. This group exists not to challenge the teachings of the Catholic Church but to learn what it means for LGBTQ+ students to feel welcome and cared for in Catholic schools.

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Miscellaneous: Opinions, Disputatio, Synod, Etc.

[A Painful Conflict — Center for Action and Contemplation \(cac.org\)](#), from Fr. Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation, May 29, 2024

Block, Elizabeth Sweeny. [The Synod emphasized the lived experience of the faithful. This must include LGBTQ people. - Outreach](#). December 5, 2023

Block and Favale "Disputatio" Series: Three Interchanges between two theologians about gender identity and transgender issues, listed in chronological order

1. Block, Elizabeth Sweeny and Favale, Abigail. [Conversation: How should Catholics think about gender identity and transgender persons? | America Magazine](#). October 13, 2022
2. Block, Elizabeth Sweeny and Favale, Abigail. [What does God reveal in transgender bodies? A conversation on Catholic teaching and gender | America Magazine](#). February 8, 2023
3. Block, Elizabeth Sweeny and Favale, Abigail with host, Purvis, Gloria. [Podcast: Two Catholic theologians model healthy debate on transgender issues | America Magazine](#). March 7, 2023

Cahill, Lisa Sowle. [Lisa Sowle Cahill: LGBTQ People, the Synod and Blessing Same-Sex Couples - Outreach](#). January 22, 2024

Doerfler, Grace. [A more universal church - Outreach](#). May 1, 2022

[Homosexuality & the Church | Commonweal Magazine](#). Johnson, Luke Timothy. June 11, 2007

[Homosexuality & the Church: A Second View | Commonweal Magazine](#). Tushnet, Eve. June 11, 2007

Horan, Daniel, OFM. [The truth about so-called 'gender ideology' | National Catholic Reporter \(ncronline.org\)](#). The term "gender ideology" is at the heart of the narrative by bishops and politicians.

Keenan, James F., SJ. [James F. Keenan, S.J.: "Dignitas Infinita" falters when it doesn't practice what it preaches - Outreach](#). April 19, 2024

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[LGBTQ+ Catholics & the Synod on Synodality - New Ways Ministry](#). This link offers a number of Synod-related resources.

McElroy, Bishop Robert W. [Bishop McElroy: Attacks on Father James Martin expose a cancer within the U.S. Catholic Church | America Magazine](#). September 18, 2017

Palmieri, David. [Five commitments the Synod made to the church and what they mean for LGBTQ Catholics - Outreach](#). December 13, 2023

Radcliffe, Timothy, OP. [Timothy Radcliffe, O.P.: We cannot embrace our faith if we reject our bodies. - Outreach](#). July 30, 2024

[Roundtable: On gender, the Vatican and academics are talking past each other | America Magazine](#), April 15, 2024

Schmitt, Emily Claire. [This Pride month, LGBTQ+ Catholic women speak | National Catholic Reporter \(ncronline.org\)](#). June 21, 2024

Personal Stories

[Anne and Mary's Story \(youtube.com\)](#), from the Sisters of Mercy webpage, Lesbian Couple, Anne and Mary, tell their story (20:33)

Buechner, Sara Davis. [Of Identity Faith and Love](#)

DeBernardo, Francis. [Mychal Judge](#). Franciscan Fr. Mychal is known for his self-sacrifice in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. This spiritual biography includes the topic of his gay identity. Available from New Ways Ministry: [NewWaysMinistry.org/publications](#).

DeBernardo, Francis and Gramick, Jeannine, SL, editors. [Blessed Parents: Experiences of Catholic Parents with Lesbian and Gay Children](#). In addition to stories of Catholic parents with LGBTQ children, this booklet contains a list of Catholic resources and organizations. Available from New Ways Ministry: [NewWaysMinistry.org/publications](#).

Dobrovolny, Mary Kay, RSM. [Sister Mary Kay's Story \(youtube.com\)](#), from the Sisters of Mercy webpage, Sr. Mary Kay tells her story (23:26)

Jenkins, Jack. [Catholic diocesan hermit approved by Kentucky bishop comes out as transgender \(religionnews.com\)](#). Religion News. May 19, 2024

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Johns, Michelle. [Queer Nun's \(youtube.com\)](#), [Love Tenderly](#) authors, Grace Surdovel IHM, Janet Rozzano RSM, Diane Rapozo BVM, and Sister Emma had a conversation with blogger, Michelle Johns, on May 23, 2021

Johnsrud, David. [Not Going Away](#)

Kemme, Tracy. [Getting intimate with a Millennial, young adult sister | Global Sisters Report](#), July 25, 2014

Massingale, Bryan. [Father Bryan Massingale on coming out and finding himself among God's beloved creation - Outreach](#). October 8, 2022

Massingale, Bryan. [I am a gay priest. We need more than an apology for Pope Francis' homophobic slur. | America Magazine](#). May 29, 2024

Owning Our Faith – This is a documentary with multiple separate interviews (on separate YouTube videos) with individuals presented in the main documentary.

Main documentary: [OwningOurFaith \(youtube.com\)](#)

Owning Our Faith website: [Owning Our Faith](#)

Pignatella, James Scott (Scotty) P. [Not Limelight, But Twilight](#)

Rasmussen, Maureen. [Finding Maureen ... A Transgender Journey of Faith and Fulfillment](#)

Rozzano, Janet, RSM. [Out of Silence God Has Called Me: A Lesbian Religious Tells Her Story](#) - PDF available from New Ways Ministry. Women Religious Link: [Religious Life - Women - New Ways Ministry](#) (control-click on this link). Then click on Books/Booklets, followed by a click where it says to download a PDF copy.

Shalhoub, Carolyn, (Mercy Associate). [Celebrating Pride with Dignity - Sisters of Mercy](#)

Surdovel, Grace, IHM, Editor. [Love Tenderly: Sacred Stories of Lesbian and Queer Religious](#). This anthology by 23 vowed women religious explores their questions of vowed life, falling in love, and advice they would give to a lesbian or queer woman considering religious life. Valuable for one's own psycho-sexual-spiritual journey. Available from New Ways Ministry: [Publications - New Ways Ministry](#), and from Amazon.com. 50% discount offered to Women Religious from New Ways Ministry.

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[Suzanne's Story \(youtube.com\)](#), from the Sisters of Mercy webpage, Mother and Grandmother Suzanne tells her story (22:17)

Van Biema, David. ["No Body Now But Yours" - Outreach](#), June 13, 2024, about the ministry of Luisa Derouen, OP with the Trans population

Race, Racism and LGBTQ+ Realities

[Black & LGBTQ+: At the intersection of race, sexual orientation & identity | American Medical Association \(ama-assn.org\)](#). On June 24, 2021, the Advisory Committee on LGBTQ Issues and Minority Affairs Section held a webinar featuring a panel of experts who shared information and insights about the health and well-being of Americans who identify as Black and LGBTQ+. (1:08:24) *(When you click on this link, you will also find the transcript of the webinar printed below the video.)*

[Coming Out: Living Authentically as Black LGBTQ+ People - HRC Digital Reports](#), Report Coming Out: Living Authentically as Black LGBTQ+ People, *Human Rights Campaign Foundation, October 2023 | 35 Minute Read.*

[Exploring and combating racism within the LGBTQ+ community | Bloomberg LP](#), August 3, 2020

Ford, Craig Jr. [Engaging Homosexuality and Transgender Identity Through an African-American Catholic Lens - Outreach](#). October 4, 2022

[LGBTQ+ Mental Health and the Role of Minority Stress | Psychology Today](#), March 11, 2024

[Racial Differences Among LGBT Adults in the US - Williams Institute \(ucla.edu\)](#), January 2022

[Yes, there's racism in the LGBT community. But there's more outside it. - The Washington Post](#), Analysis by Andrew R. Flores, July 7, 2017

Religious Life; Pastoral Practice; Spirituality

Bosco, Mark, SJ. [Flannery O'Connor, the Holy Ghost and LGBTQ Catholics - Outreach](#). August 7, 2024

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Building a Bridge, Documentary follows Fr. James Martin, SJ on his journey to make the Catholic Church more accepting of the LGBTQ+ Community. Available on Amazon Prime for rent or purchase.

Gregory, Wilton D., Cardinal. [Cardinal Wilton Gregory to LGBTQ Catholics: We must strive for unity - Outreach](#). August 5, 2024

Making LGBTQ+ Parish Ministries Work, Greg Walton, (3-part series on YouTube) based on a presentation he made for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:

Part 1: [Making LGBTQ Parish Ministries Work - Part 1 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Part 2: [Making LGBTQ Parish Ministries Work - Part 2 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Part 3: [Making LGBTQ Parish Ministries Work - Part 3 \(youtube.com\)](#)

Massingale, Bryan. [Father Bryan Massingale on coming out and finding himself among God's beloved creation - Outreach](#). October 8, 2022

[Mercy's Response to a Call | Betsy Linehan, RSM & Karen J. Scheer, RSM | DignityUSA Conference 2022 - YouTube](#). Two Sisters of Mercy speak about their Congregation's work on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: why they began, and how they went about it. The video starts at 3:45 after nearly 4 minutes of dead space. There is one point with audio difficulty, but it is short lived.

Navarro, Julian. [How the son of two gay mothers found grace in a Catholic parish - Outreach](#). July 4, 2024

Science and Medicine

[How Science is Helping Us Understand Gender \(nationalgeographic.org\)](#), National Geographic

Hildreth, Cade. [Gender Spectrum: A Scientist Explains Why Gender Isn't Binary \(cadehildreth.com\)](#). Hildreth has degrees in Biology and Chemistry. 2024

[Types of gender identity: Types and definitions \(medicalnewstoday.com\)](#). What Are Some Different Types of Gender Identity?

Montañez, Amanda. [Visualizing Sex as a Spectrum | Scientific American](#). August 29, 2017

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Sisters ONLY

Link to Webinar with Lynn Levo, CSJ will be added after October 17, 2024, live event is recorded for the use of Sisters only.

Scripture, Sociology, Theology

Bayley, Carol. [Conscience-and-Catholicism-Chapter-11-ENG.pdf \(sistersofmercy.org\)](#), Conflicts of Conscience in American Catholic Health Care

Bouchard, Charles, OP. [Catholic ethicist on U.S. bishops' directive: Transgender people teach us that human sexuality is "varied and complex" - Outreach](#). April 24, 2023

Brueggemann, Walter. [Walter Brueggemann: How to read the Bible on homosexuality - Outreach](#). September 4, 2022

Burns, Helen Marie, RSM. [SENSUS FIDEI: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT \(sistersofmercy.org\)](#), (PowerPoint)

[Catholic Approaches to Queer Theology: A Primer - New Ways Ministry](#). June 10, 2024. This link takes you to a YouTube of a webinar in which 3 Catholic Theologians discuss "Queer Theology".

Clifford, Richard J., SJ. [Richard J. Clifford, S.J.: Using "Male and female he created them" to adjudicate gender controversies is "thoroughly misguided" - Outreach](#). June 25, 2023

Farley, Margaret A. [Development-in-Doctrine-and-Sexual-Ethics-2006.pdf \(sistersofmercy.org\)](#), May 13, 2006

Hogan, Linda. [Sogi November English \(youtube.com\)](#), Conscience and Change: A Perspective from Catholic Theological Ethics, by Linda Hogan, Trinity College Dublin; and the PowerPoint from this presentation: [Title — Calibri Regular 36pt \(sistersofmercy.org\)](#)

Horan, Daniel, OFM. [In "Dignitas Infinita," the Vatican quarrels with a theory of its own making - Outreach](#). April 23, 2024

Horan, Fr. Dan, OFM. [The Strawman of "Gender Theory" in the Vatican's New Document - New Ways Ministry](#)

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Hunt, Mary. [Mary's Presentation \(youtube.com\)](#), from the Sisters of Mercy webpage, Feminist Theologian Mary Hunt discusses LGBTQ+ issues from the perspective of Theology (27:36)

Johnson, Elizabeth A., CSJ. [Interpret: As with the Bible, so too with church teaching on homosexuality - Outreach](#). September 24, 2023

[Katrina's Presentation \(youtube.com\)](#), from the Sisters of Mercy webpage, Sociologist Katrina discusses LGBTQ+ related issues from a sociological perspective (14:59)

Levine, Amy-Jill. [Amy-Jill Levine: How to read the Bible's "clobber passages" on homosexuality - Outreach](#). September 12, 2022

[LGBT Catholics and 'disordered' language: A biblical model for change | America Magazine](#), March 12, 2024

Linehan, Betsy, RSM. [Betsy's Presentation \(youtube.com\)](#), from the Sisters of Mercy webpage, Mercy Sister Betsy, Professor Emerita of Philosophy, discusses Natural Law (17:56)

Massaro, Thomas, SJ. [Catholic social teaching promotes "equal and fundamental rights" for LGBTQ people - Outreach](#). August 7, 2023

Trujillo, Yunuen, Esq. [Three tips for LGBTQ Catholics interpreting Scripture - Outreach](#). November 6, 2022.

Transgender Issues

Derouen, Luisa, OP and Martin, James, SJ. – a conversation: [Sister Luisa Derouen on Walking with Transgender Catholics \(youtube.com\)](#)

Fortunate Families Trans Accompaniment Program (link: [Home | Fortunate Families](#)) created and facilitated by Luisa Derouen, OP in 2021 - 2022. Series of 15 videos, approximately one hour each, designed both for education and to train those accompanying members of the Trans community. In addition to watching this series on your own, or with your small group, if a group of Sisters and Associates would be interested, Luisa would be willing to facilitate the group. The topics include:

- Words Matter: Language and terms. What is Different and Similar for Trans/Gay and Lesbian persons
- What is Non-binary?

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- Transgender History in the U.S.
- Theological, Moral, and Pastoral Issues In Spiritual Accompaniment of Trans People
- Spiritual Companionship and Counseling
- Faith and Spirituality
- Medical Realities for Trans People
- Workplace Inclusion for Transgender and Non-Binary People: A Primer
- Spiritual Companionship and Spiritual Direction
- Transgender Children
- Family Dynamics
- Psychological Considerations
- Cis-Gendered Partners/Spouses
- Legal Challenges of Transgender Individuals
- Parenting a Transgender Child

[How to Be a Good Trans Ally](#)

Martin, Fr. James, SJ. [The church and the transgender person - Outreach](#). The Church and the Transgender Person: Towards a Pastoral Approach. Good general overview.

World Religions

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Alpert, Rebecca. [Like Bread on the Seder Plate: Jewish Lesbians and the Transformation of Tradition](#). New York: Columbia University Press, 1997. If Catholic women priests seem exotic, imagine how lesbian rabbis were received initially. Dr. Alpert and colleagues model integrity, style, and commitment.

Alpert, Rebecca T., Sue Levi Elwell, and Shirley Idelson, Editors. [Lesbian Rabbis: The First Generation](#). New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2001. Stories of pioneers are always inspiring as that spark of boldness and creativity shines through.

Boyarin, Daniel, Daniel Itzkovitz and Ann Pellegrini, Editors. [Queer Theory and the Jewish Question](#). NY: Columbia University Press, 2003. Serious theorists look carefully at the complicated questions of religious experience and meaning.

Chacaby, Ma-Nee and Mary Louisa Plummer. [A Two-Spirit Journey: The Autobiography of a Lesbian Ojibwa-Cree Elder](#). Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada: University of Manitoba

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Press, 2016. A glimpse into life of someone living as a two-spirit person in a culture that has such a useful category.

Ellison, Marvin M. and Judith Plaskow, Editors. Heterosexism in Contemporary World Religion: Problem and Prospect. Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2007. Thoughtful essays from a range of religious perspectives that look not at homosexuality but at the root problem, heterosexism.

Kugle, Scott Alan, (Scott Siraj al-Haqq Kugel) Living Out Islam: Voices of Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Muslims. New York: NYU Press, 2013. These people are developing a new dimension of an old, venerable faith tradition.

Machacek, David and Melissa Wilcox, Editors. Sexuality and the World's Religions. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2003. A primer for understanding how specific traditions arrive at their teachings on sexuality, and how they can change.

Manuel, Zenju Earthlyn. The Way of Tenderness: Awakening through Race, Sexuality, and Gender. Somerville, MA: Wisdom Publications, 2015. An intersectional approach to Buddhism.

Plaskow, Judith, edited with Donna Berman. The Coming of Lilith: Essays on Feminism, Judaism, and Sexual Ethics, 1972-2003, Boston: Beacon Press, 2005. Jewish feminist scholar Judith Plaskow is a trusted voice who brings academic and activist depth to the task of making meaning and assessing values.

Shipley, Heather, Editor. Globalized Religion and Sexual Identity: Contexts, Contestations, Voices. Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2014. A comprehensive overview of how SOGI are understood in countries around the world in all their ambiguity and controversy.

Stein, Abby. Becoming Eve: My Journey from Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman. New York: Seal Press, 2019. What a journey it must be, and proof that gender fluidity is powerful.

Vanita, Ruth. Gandhi's Tiger and Sita's Smile: Essays on Gender, Sexuality and Culture. Delhi, India: Yoda Press, 2005. The focus on South Asia is unique but the effort to understand sex and gender in Hinduism is useful.

Webpages:

[DignityUSA | Celebrating the wholeness and holiness of LGBTQIA+ Catholics](#), Dignity USA -- Building an Inclusive LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Catholic Church

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