



## Our Mission

Gay and Straight in Christ welcomes, supports and affirms GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender) persons, their families and friends and those who wish to stand in solidarity with them in Christ. This ministry works to help the GLBT community find comfort in taking its rightful place within the Catholic community.

*"Give us the courage to stand with our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters, their families and those who minister to them. Give us the grace to confront their rejection, to ease their loneliness, to calm their fears and to belie their sense of abandonment."*

*from "Prayer in Honor of Those Whom Jesus Loved"  
by Sr. Joan Chittester, OSB*



**CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT**  
This support group is committed to maintaining confidentiality. Every individual attending any meeting is assured that their stories and/or faith sharing will be kept in confidence by all other attendees.

**We meet monthly  
on Sunday evening.**

Please check our website for the schedule of meetings:  
[www.mygoodshepherd.org/pc/gasic](http://www.mygoodshepherd.org/pc/gasic)

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STRAIGHT**  
*In Christ*  
**YOU ARE INVITED**



*A Christian-based  
fellowship group for  
GLBT persons, their  
families and friends.*

*We strive to provide:*

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**THE MESSAGE** that Good Shepherd Church is open to all persons as a welcoming and affirming Christian community. We affirm the love of Christ for everyone and offer a place of worship for any who may have felt disenfranchised or unwelcome in the Catholic faith. God does not discriminate based on gender, religion, sexual orientation, race, age, physical challenge, health status, gender identification, nationality, or economic status. We choose to do the same.

**SUPPORT** for those coming out, or struggling with someone else's coming out. We provide guidance and assistance with a modern Christian perspective. We contend that sexual orientation and gender identify are part of God's gift of diversity to be honored and celebrated.

**EDUCATION** for all who want to worship, learn and grow together in Christian faith. We assert that all persons have gifts and dignity and that only when we embrace the spectrum of human diversity are we fully human-Christian-Catholic.

**FAITH SHARING** opportunities where ideas can be exchanged; where the subject of being gay is not mutually exclusive to the conversation of being a disciple of Christ; and where we are counted as Christians first.

**A SAFE ENVIRONMENT** to explore what the Bible says regarding homosexuality and what it does not say. The Bible has been used to condemn homosexuality thereby excluding some of God's beloved children from God's table. We believe that every person is created in God's image and likeness.

**OUTREACH** to the GLBT communities and to those who stand with them – family members and friends. We are ecumenical in our welcome, and we specifically work to show that the Catholic Church has an unconditional love for all. We are all God's children. We work to help the GLBT community find comfort in being an integral part of the Catholic community and to communicate the power of God's unconditional love.

*"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female: for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

– Galatians 3:28

