EnCourage

New Apostolate in the Diocese of Madison

In recognition of the irreplaceable role of the family in attaining an understanding of the homosexual condition and embracing a life of chastity, EnCourage was founded.

As an apostolate of Courage, and flowing from its central purpose, EnCourage provides pastoral care to family members and friends of persons with Same-Sex Attraction, aimed at assisting them:

5 GOALS OF ENCOURAGE

1. To grow spiritually through spiritual reading, prayer, meditation, individual spiritual direction, frequent attendance at Mass, and the frequent reception of the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist;

2. To gain a deeper understanding of the needs, difficulties, and challenges experienced by men and women with SSA;

3. To establish and maintain a healthy and wholesome relationship with their loved ones with SSA;

4. To assist other family members and friends to reach out with compassion and truth, and not to reject, their loved ones with SSA;

5. To witness to their loved ones by their own lives that fulfillment is to be found in Jesus Christ through His Body, the Church.

WHO ARE THE MEMBERS OF ENCOURAGE?

EnCourage members are parents, spouses, sibling and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ. They are looking for help to keep the faith and keep their family bonds intact. EnCourage members work together to understand the experiences of their loved ones, and to respond to them with compassion. They know that it is possible to express love for someone even if we can’t support all of their choices or actions. They find spiritual guidance to grow in their relationship with Christ, and community support from other members that helps them remember that they are not alone on this journey.

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