



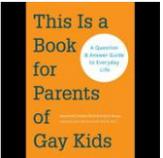
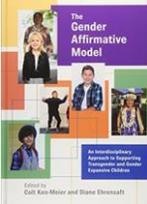
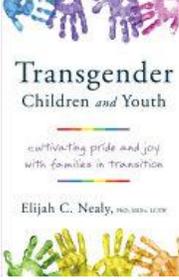
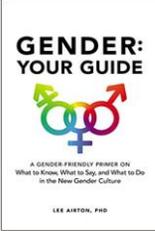
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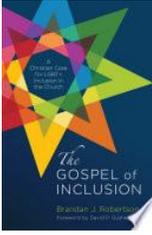
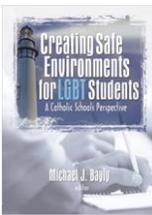
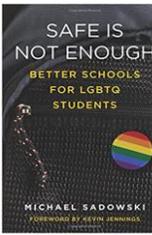
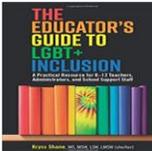
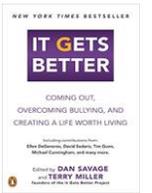
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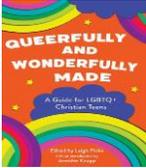
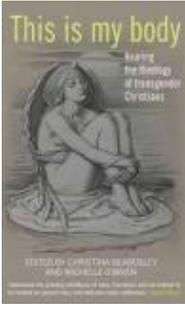
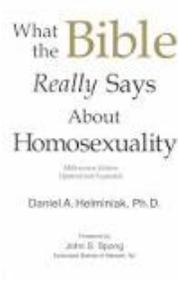
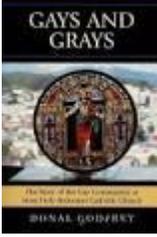
## Resources List

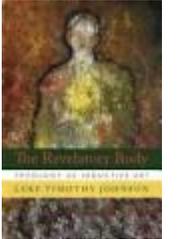
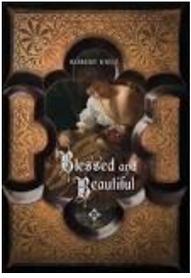
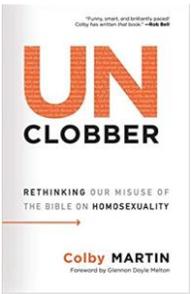
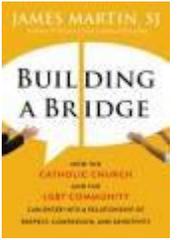
This is a basic resources list for LGBTQ+ persons, families, friends, and for those who minister with them. *Their being listed does not necessarily mean that Fortunate Families agrees with all of the views presented in these materials.*

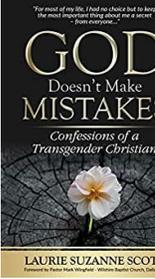
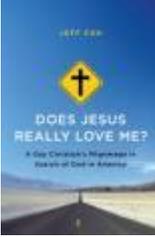
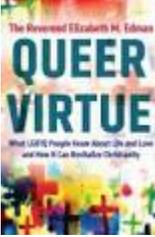
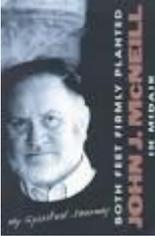
Book	Author	Title	Synopsis
	Barnes, Hazel (Editor) Taylor, Sandra Author)	<i>And GOD saw it all was very good: Catholic LGBT in Europe Telling Their Stories</i>	<p>“The stories of the LGBT Catholics in this book will make a difference in your life” assures Sister Jeannine Gramick in her prologue. Here you will find 34 personal stories divided into the six themes of: Family - Is Catholicism home? - A religious life? - A long journey - Significant events - Working for understanding and acceptance. The lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and non-gender-binary authors are aged from their 20s to their 80s and come from all walks of life in 13 European countries: Albania, Belgium, Czech Republic, England, France, Germany, Italy, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Russia, and Spain. These stories are for reading silently and for reading out loud, by all people - whether religious or not, whether LGBT or not. The authors share their stories of being LGBT and Catholic to help increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of LGBT Catholics and to ease the journeys of those still working on how to live out being both LGBT and Catholic.</p>

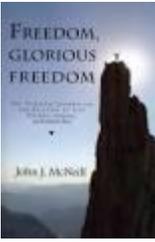
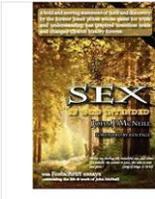
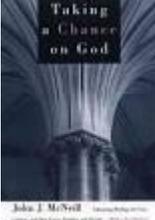
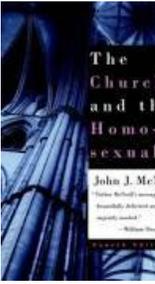
	<p>Owens-Reid, Dannielle and Kristin Russo</p>	<p><a href="#"><u><i>This Is a Book for Parents of Gay Kids: A Question and Answer Guide to Everyday Life</i></u></a></p>	<p>Written in an accessible Q&amp;A format, here, finally, is the go-to resource for parents hoping to understand and communicate with their gay child. Through their LGBTQ-oriented site, the authors are uniquely experienced to answer parents' many questions and share insight and guidance on both emotional and practical topics. Filled with real-life experiences from gay kids and parents, this is the book gay kids want their parents to read. (San Francisco, CA: Chronicle Books. 2014)</p>
	<p>Bowman, Alisa, and Angello, Michele</p>	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Raising the Transgender Child: A Complete Guide for Parents, Families, and Caregivers.</i></u></a> 2017</p>	<p>Offers much-needed answers to all the questions parents and other adults ask about raising and caring for transgender and gender diverse children: <i>Is this just a phase? Did I do something to cause this? How do we protect these children? Who should I tell, and how? Will anyone love my child?</i> The guide (Angello, an expert in the field of transgender parenting, and Bowman, a bestselling writer and parent advocate) provides a wealth of science-backed information alongside friendly and practical wisdom that is sure to comfort, guide, and inspire the family and friends of transgender and gender diverse children.</p>
	<p>Colt, and Ehrensaft, DianeKeo-Meier</p>	<p><a href="#"><u><i>The Gender Affirmative Model: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Supporting Transgender and Gender Expansive Children.</i></u></a> 2018</p>	<p>Provides mental health professionals with a guide to the gender affirmative model, learning how to enable children to live as their authentic gender with the necessary social supports. The authors, Keo-Meier, a clinical psychologist and transgender queer two-spirit man, and Ehrensaft, a developmental and clinical psychologist, also address the multifaceted psychological, social,, and community challenges faced by transgender and gender expansive children, as well as the potential mental health struggles that can arise as a result of bullying and more subtle forms of societal discrimination.</p>
	<p>Nealy, Elijah C.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Transgender Children and Youth: Cultivating Pride and Joy with Families in Transition</i></u></a> 2017</p>	<p>parents, teachers, and mental health professionals. These days it is practically Forimpossible not to hear about some aspect of transgender life. Whether the bathroom issue, trans people in the military,, or on television, trans life has become front and center. A therapist and former executive director of the NYC LGBT Community Center, and a trans man, Nealy's guide covers everything from family life to school and mental health issues, as well as the physical, social, and emotional aspects of transition.</p>
	<p>Lee, Airton</p>	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Gender: Your guide: A Gender-friendly primer on what to say and what to do in the new Gender culture</i></u></a> 2018</p>	<p>From the differences among gender identity, gender expression, and sex, to the use of gender-neutral pronouns like singular they/them, to thinking about your own participation in gender, <i>Gender: Your Guide</i> serves as a complete primer to all things gender</p>

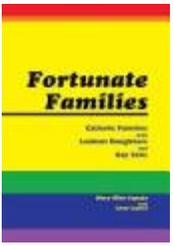
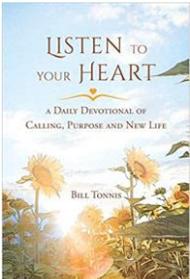
	<p>Robertson, J. Brandon</p>	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Gospel of Inclusion. A Christian Case for LGBT+ Inclusion in the Church. 2019The</i></u></a></p>	<p>Pastor and public theologian Brandon Robertson offers a compelling assessment of the biblical texts, cultural context, and modern social movements to suggest that the entire thrust of the Christian gospel calls the church towards the deconstruction of all oppressive systems and structures and towards the creation of a world that celebrates the full spectrum of human diversity as a reflection of God's creative intention.</p>
	<p>Bayly, Michael J.</p>	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Creating Safe Environments For LGBT Students: A Catholic Schools Perspective 2007</i></u></a></p>	<p>The book offers step by step directions for a series of five staff training sessions. The sessions are designed to guide participants through recognizing the need for Safe Staff who can compassionately respond to LGBT youth (and all youth questioning their sexuality), defining the role of Safe Staff members, understanding the needs of LGBT youth, reconciling the LGBT reality with the teachings of the Catholic Church, and establishing safe environments in Catholic high schools. The guide includes spiritual readings, handouts, discussion topics, and role play scenarios for each session. It provides a much needed tool to help Catholic schools address the issue of sexuality and the needs of LGBT students within the Catholic educational system.” Education Review, March 2007</p>
	<p>Sadowski, Michael</p>	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Better Schools For LGBTQ Students: Safe is not Enough 2013</i></u></a></p>	<p>While progress on LGBTQ issues in schools remains slow, in many parts of the country schools have begun making strides toward becoming safer, more welcoming places for LGBTQ students. Schools typically achieve this by revising antibullying policies and establishing GSAs (gay-straight student alliances). But it takes more than a deficit-based approach for schools to become places where LGBTQ students can fulfill their potential. In <i>Safe Is Not Enough</i>, Michael Sadowski highlights how educators can make their schools more supportive of LGBTQ students’ positive development and academic success” Amazon.</p>
	<p>Shane, Kryss</p>	<p><a href="#"><u><i>Educator's Guide to LGBT+ Inclusion, 2020</i></u></a></p>	<p>Setting out best practices and professional guidance for creating LGBT+ inclusive learning in schools, this approachable and easy to follow book guides teachers, educators, administrators, and school staff toward appropriate and proven ways to create safer learning environments, update school policies, enhance curricula, and better support LGBT+ youth as they learn.</p>
	<p>Savage, Dan and Miller, Terry</p>	<p><a href="#"><u><i>It gets Better – Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying and Creating a Life Worth Living</i></u></a></p>	<p>Growing up isn't easy. Many young people face daily tormenting and bullying, and this is especially true for LGBT kids and teens. <i>It Gets Better</i> is a collection of original essays and expanded testimonials written to teens from celebrities, political leaders, and everyday people, because while many LGBT teens can't see a positive future for themselves, we can.” Amazon</p>

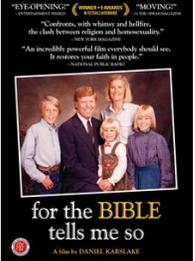
	<p>Edited by Lee Finke</p>	<p><u><a href="#">Queerfully and wonderfully Made</a></u></p>	<p>Queer youth still face a multitude of challenges while growing up, and these have the potential to be amplified by religious beliefs. Addressing that issue head-on, this guide for Christians seeks to provide counsel, understanding, and gentle guidance across a series of 40-plus chapters that address everything from coming out in a variety of contexts, positive ways to deal with haters, and helping start the conversation about gender-neutral bathrooms at school, to living authentically.</p>
	<p>Alison, James</p>	<p><i>Faith Beyond Resentment: Fragments Catholic and Gay</i></p>	<p>Discrimination against gays and lesbians extends from the highest echelons of the Catholic Church to the pews. For James Alison, a gay Catholic theologian, the key to moving beyond resentment is a radical re-conversion to the gospel message of God's love and understanding that even those in power are our brothers and sisters. (New York, NY: The Crossroad Publishing Company. 2001)</p>
	<p>Beardsley, Christina and O'Brien, Michelle</p>	<p><i>This is My Body: Hearing the Theology of Transgender Christians</i></p>	<p>Much has been said and written about trans people by theologians and Church leaders, while little has been heard from trans Christians themselves. As a step towards redressing the balance, this book offers a grounded reflection on people's experience of gender dissonance that involves negotiating the boundaries between one's identity and religious faith, as well as a review of the most up-to-date theological, cultural and scientific literature. (London, UK: Darton Longman &amp; Todd. 2016)</p>
	<p>Helminiak, Daniel A., Ph.D.</p>	<p><i>What the Bible Really Says About Homosexuality</i></p>	<p>Does God's word in the Bible really condemn homosexuality? A top scholar shows that those who perceive Bible passages as condemning homosexuality are being misled by faulty translation and poor interpretation. Danial A. Helminiak, Ph.D., a respected theologian and Roman Catholic priest, explains in a clear fashion the fascinating new insights of these scholars. (Tajique, NM: Alamo Square Press. 2000)</p>
	<p>Godfrey, Donal, S.J.</p>	<p><i>Gays and Grays; the Story of the Gay Community at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church</i></p>	<p>Most Holy Redeemer was changed from a dying parish to a vital place where gay and straight people together created something new. Father Donal Godfrey shows how this parish became prophetic and compassionate, through conflict and compromise at times; despite opposition from many sources, including the institutionalized homophobia of the church and society. Rather than becoming embittered, the parish opened up to be a place of healing and indeed sanctuary for many. (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2007)</p>

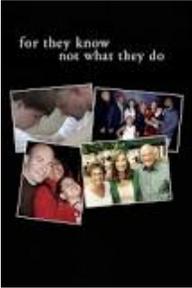
	Gushee, David	<i>Changing Our Mind</i>	“Every generation has its hot-button issue,” writes David P. Gushee, “For us, it’s the LGBT issue.” In <i>Changing Our Mind</i> , Gushee takes the reader along his personal and theological journey as he changes his mind about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender inclusion in the Church. (Canton, MI: David Crumm Media, 2014).
	Johnson, Luke Timothy	<i>The Revelatory Body: Theology as Inductive Art</i>	Scripture points to the human body and lived experience as the preeminent arena of God's continuing revelation in the world, says Luke Timothy Johnson. Attentively discerning the manifestations of God's Spirit in and through the body is essential for theology to recover its nature as an inductive art rather than — as traditionally conceived — a deductive science. (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company. 2015)
	Kiely, Robert	<i>Blessed and Beautiful: Picturing the Saints</i>	This book offers a powerful and searching meditation on the lives of the saints and the images of them painted by Renaissance artists in Italy. Robert Kiely, a distinguished scholar of modernist literature and a historian and critic of exceptional sensibility, has a keen eye and uncanny ability to capture details of significance and to prompt the reader to look again and to see with fresh eyes that the lives of saints and the Renaissance depictions of them are anything but dull, uniform, or narrowly orthodox. His beautifully written and thoughtful book treats saints seriously as human religious figures (not icons of perfection), brought to life by great Italian paintings in dialogue with scripture, legend, and poetry. (New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University Press, 2010)
	Martin, Colby	<i>UnClobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality</i>	UnClobber reexamines what the Bible says (and does not say) about homosexuality in such a way that breathes fresh life into outdated and inaccurate assumptions and interpretations. (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2016)
	Martin, James, S.J.	<i>Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter Into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity (Revised and Expanded)</i>	Adapted from an address he gave to New Ways Ministry, a group that ministers to and advocates for LGBT Catholics, Building a Bridge provides a roadmap for repairing and strengthening the bonds that unite all of us as God's children. Martin uses the image of a two-way bridge to enable LGBT Catholics and the Church to come together in a call to end the "us" versus "them" mentality. Turning to the Catechism, he draws on the three criteria at the heart of the Christian ministry—"respect, compassion, and sensitivity"—as a model for how the Catholic Church should relate to the LGBT community. (New York, NY: HarperCollins. 2018)

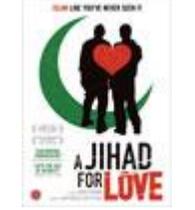
	<p>Moore, Gareth</p>	<p><i>A Question of Truth: Christianity and Homosexuality</i></p>	<p>A Dominican priest challenges the teaching of the Catholic Church on its own grounds. He scrutinizes the Church's arguments, which are based on both the Bible and natural law, and finds them wanting. (New York: Continuum, 2003)</p>
	<p>Scott, Laurie Suzanne</p>	<p><i>God Doesn't Make Mistakes; Confessions of a Transgender Christian</i></p>	<p>Meet Laurie Suzanne Scott. She is, indeed, both an evangelical Christian and transgender. Raised in a devoutly Christian home, she endured the unbelievably difficult and complicated odyssey of finding her identity as a woman ...without losing her identity in Christ. A journey she barely survived. In her book, Laurie tells her story of growing up playing a role as unnatural to her as the body she was born with. (Austin: Tek-Chic Systems, 2018)</p>
	<p>Chu, Jeff</p>	<p><i>Does Jesus Really Love Me?: A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America</i></p>	<p>This book is part memoir and part investigative analysis that explores the explosive and confusing intersection of faith, politics, and sexuality in Christian America. The quest to find an answer is at the heart of Does Jesus Really Love Me?—a personal journey of belief, an investigation, and a portrait of a faith and a nation at odds by award-winning reporter Jeff Chu. From Brooklyn to Nashville to California, from Westboro Baptist Church and their “God Hates Fags” protest signs, to the pioneering Episcopalian bishop Mary Glasspool—who proclaims a message of liberation and divine love, Chu captures spiritual snapshots of Christian America at a remarkable moment, when tensions between both sides in the culture wars have rarely been higher. (New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers. 2014)</p>
	<p>Edman, Elizabeth</p>	<p><i>Queer Virtue: What LGBTQ People Know About Life and Love and How It Can Revitalize Christianity</i></p>	<p>In Queer Virtue, Edman posits that Christianity, at its scriptural core, incessantly challenges its adherents to rupture false binaries, to “queer” lines that pit people against one another. Thus, Edman asserts that Christianity, far from being hostile to queer people, is itself inherently queer. Arguing from the heart of scripture, she reveals how queering Christianity—that is, disrupting simplistic ways of thinking about self and other—can illuminate contemporary Christian faith. Pushing well past the notion that “Christian love = tolerance,” Edman offers a bold alternative: the recognition that queer people can help Christians better understand their fundamental calling and the creation of sacred space where LGBTQ Christians are seen as gifts to the church. (Boston, MA: Beacon Press. 2016)</p>
	<p>McNeill, John J.</p>	<p><i>Both Feet Firmly Planted in Midair: My Spiritual Journey</i></p>	<p>With the publication of his groundbreaking <i>The Church and the Homosexual</i> in 1976, John McNeill placed himself in the vanguard of scholars who were challenging long-held assumptions about the Bible and homosexuality. Through his continued scholarship, spiritual reflection, and untiring activism, McNeill has brought hope and affirmation to thousands of gay and lesbian Christians. <i>Both Feet Firmly Planted in Midair</i> is McNeill's autobiography. (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press. 1998)</p>

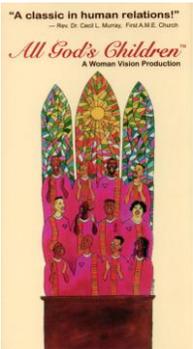
	<p>McNeill, John J.</p>	<p><i>Freedom, Glorious Freedom</i></p>	<p>Freedom, Glorious Freedom is the third volume in John McNeill's landmark trilogy on gay and lesbian spirituality. It deals with the presence of the Spirit of God, the Spirit of love in our daily experiences, and how to arrive at the glorious freedom of the children of God. McNeill shows how lesbian and gay Christians can achieve full spiritual maturity and self-acceptance. McNeill discusses freedom of conscience and discernment of spirits, ancient teachings of the Christian church that have a special urgency for lesbian and gay people who need to free themselves from all the homophobic authorities and deal with God on a direct and personal basis. The liberating process of coming out of the closet is seen as a spirit-filled effort to achieve the glory of God by becoming fully alive. McNeill offers a twelve-step spirituality as a spiritual process of liberation from all addictions in order to experience the love of God in its fullness. The epilogue expresses in detail a philosophical vision, looking both to the past and to the future, of how gay liberation fits into the Spirit-directed evolution of human history and its role in the ongoing struggle for human liberation. (Boston, MA: Beacon Press. 1995)</p>
	<p>McNeill, John J.</p>	<p><i>Sex as God Intended: A Reflection on Human Sexuality as Play</i></p>	<p>Noted biblical scholar John McNeill offers further insight into the role of sex in the Bible and how the original viewpoints by Church Fathers has been twisted by the Catholic Church over the years. This book also offers a series of essays by current scholars in honor of McNeill. (Maple Shade, NJ: Lethe Press. 2008)</p>
	<p>McNeill, John J.</p>	<p><i>Taking a Chance on God: Liberating Theology for Gays, Lesbians, and Their Lovers, Families, and Friends</i></p>	<p>Taking a Chance on God explores how lesbians and gay men can claim both a positive gay identity and a fulfilling life of Christian faith. (Boston, MA: Beacon Press. 1988)</p>
	<p>McNeill, John J.</p>	<p><i>The Church and the Homosexual, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition</i></p>	<p>In this "brave and good book which shatters bad myths" (Commonweal), McNeill shows that the Bible does not condemn homosexuality, and argues that the Church must not continue its homophobic practices. (Boston, MA: Beacon Press. 1976)</p>
	<p>Corvino, John</p>	<p><i>What's Wrong with Homosexuality?</i></p>	<p>For over the last twenty years, John Corvino—widely known as the author of the weekly column "The Gay Moralist"—has traversed the country responding to moral and religious arguments against same-sex relationships. In this timely book, he shares that experience—addressing the standard objections to homosexuality and offering insight into the culture wars more generally. (Oxford, England: Oxford University Press, 2013)</p>

	Lopata, Mary Ellen and Casey	<i>Fortunate Families</i>	The book is an excellent resource that "Explores the lived experience of Catholic parents who love their gay children and their Church" that "includes illuminating stories, survey results, and a discussion of church documents." (Tatford Publishing, 2006)
	Tonnis, Bill	<i>Listen to Your Heart: A Daily Devotional of Calling, Purpose and New Life</i>	<i>Listen to Your Heart</i> is a devotional that includes daily Bible verses and reflections to help readers find calling and purpose in their lives. The content comes directly from the author's own journey through pain, misery and despair to new life. This book will give you a daily dose of inspiration to help carry you through your struggle to transformation and wholeness. Each reflection also suggests a "song of the day" written and recorded by the author, which will further enhance your healing experience. (Bill Tonnis, 2020)

Video	Author	Title	Synopsis
	Family Acceptance Project – San Francisco State University	<i>Family Video Series</i>	A planned series of powerful, short award-winning documentary films that show how ethnically and religiously diverse families learn to support and accept their lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) children – informed by the Family Acceptance Project's groundbreaking research.  <a href="https://familyproject.sfsu.edu/">https://familyproject.sfsu.edu/</a>  <a href="http://www.familyacceptanceproject.org/">http://www.familyacceptanceproject.org/</a>
	Harman, B.T.	<i>Lifeboats</i>	Video message for National Coming Out Day by storyteller B.T. Harman. Site also includes resources for families of LGBTQ+ children.  <a href="https://www.bluebabiespink.com/lifeboats-film">https://www.bluebabiespink.com/lifeboats-film</a> (2018)
	Karlake, Daniel G. - Director and Producer	<i>For the Bible Tells Me So</i>	Delving into values of the religious right and the accompanying homophobia, "For the Bible Tells Me So" focuses on how conservative Christians' interpretation of the Bible is commonly used as a way to deny homosexuals equal rights. Following five families with an openly gay son or daughter, director Daniel G. Karlake offers a firsthand look at how those in the Christian community with an out child are affected by the homophobic fervor. Karlake also interviews a number of religious leaders. (2007) First Run Features.

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	Karslake, Daniel G. - Director and Producer	<i>For They Know Not What They Do</i>	<p>The New York Times tells us that Daniel Karslake's documentary follows four families navigating issues of faith in relation to the sexual orientations and gender identities of their children. It hits the touchstones of a good documentary — absorbing testimonies, compelling narratives and effective commentary that highlight the violence faced by L.G.B.T.Q. people (especially transgender people of color). But its success comes from interrogating the cultural assumption that there is no space for a range of sexual orientations and gender identities within religious communities. Because for most of these families, faith is a tool for understanding, not exclusion. (2019)</p> <p><a href="https://www.fortheyknow.org/about">https://www.fortheyknow.org/about</a></p>
	Martin S.J., Fr. James	<i>Father James Martin answers five common questions about LGBT Catholic ministry</i>	<p>Father James Martin, SJ, answers five common questions he receives about his LGBT Catholic ministry, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Are you challenging church teaching on homosexuality?</li> <li>2. What do you say to LGBT Catholics who don't feel welcome in church?</li> <li>3. Why don't you speak more about chastity?</li> <li>4. What did Pope Francis and you discuss during your meeting?</li> <li>5. What are the next steps for LGBT ministry in the church? (2020)</li> </ol> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCqIKKrvzvQ">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nCqIKKrvzvQ</a></p>
	Martin S.J., Fr. James	<i>Spiritual Insights for LGBT Catholics</i>	<p>For many people, coming out can be frightening, especially if they feel that their church, or God, is somehow against them. If you are struggling with being an LGBT person in the Catholic church, here are five things to remember, from Fr. James Martin, SJ. (2018)</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NWwKgfYfDE">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NWwKgfYfDE</a></p>

	<p>Q Christian Fellowship</p>	<p><i>Through My Eyes: True Stories of Young Gay Christians</i></p>	<p>"Through My Eyes" is a moving, thought-provoking look at the lives of young Christians who have been personally affected by this debate in the church. It's a great conversation starter for your church, parents, friends, small group, or anyone looking for a better, more compassionate approach to a controversial topic. (2009) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QImNx1JA3BI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QImNx1JA3BI</a></p>
	<p>Rick, Barbara</p>	<p><i>In Good Conscience: Sister Jeannine Gramick's Journey of Faith</i></p>	<p>This video features the life and ministry of Sr. Jeannine Gramick, SL, co-founder of New Ways Ministry, an organization which fosters dialogue among groups and individuals, identify and combat personal and structural homophobia and transphobia, works for changes in attitudes and promote the acceptance of LGBT people as full and equal members of church and society. Out of the Blue Films, Inc. (2006) <a href="http://www.ingoodconscience.com">www.ingoodconscience.com</a></p>
	<p>Schutz, Susan Polis</p>	<p><i>Anyone and Everyone</i></p>	<p>Anyone and Everyone tells the stories of families from Utah to North Carolina and Wyoming to New York, all connected by a common thread — a gay child. This poignant and often heartbreaking documentary by first-time filmmaker Susan Polis Schutz (also the parent of a gay son) reveals a family's struggle and desire to accept a child's sexual orientation. The film features parents from a wide range of religions, ethnicities, and political leanings, all of whom discuss their initial reactions to their child's coming out. While some showed unconditional support, others struggled with their child's sexual orientation, fearing alienation from their extended family, their church, or their community. Some simply did not understand the universal nature of homosexuality, and that it can affect anyone and everyone. IronZeal Films (2007) <a href="https://www.ironzealfilms.org/">https://www.ironzealfilms.org/</a> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qUSmcoPl6w">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qUSmcoPl6w</a></p>
	<p>Sharma, Parvez</p>	<p><i>A Jihad for Love</i></p>	<p>Filmmaker Parvez Sharma travels into the secretive world of homosexuality within the Islamic faith. He interviews those who try to reconcile their faith with the ban on gays and lesbians, attempting to walk a fine line between persecution and honesty. Religious leaders who are unequivocal on the subject are also interviewed and take a predictably hard-line stance. The subjects of the film choose to remain Muslims in countries where many others would flee. Endorsed by Human Rights Watch. (2007) First Run Features. <a href="http://www.firstrunfeatures.com">www.firstrunfeatures.com</a></p>
<p>St. Mary's College Notre Dame, IN</p> <p>McMahon Aquinas Chair</p>	<p>Emily Garvey, "A Theological Journey with my Transgender Child"</p>	<p>Pope Francis defines mercy as "the fundamental law that dwells in the hearts of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life." There is much many of us do not know about transgender issues, and this lack can prevent us from authentically encountering others on the path of life. This presentation will offer a personal narrative of one mother's effort to journey alongside her transgender child in mercy, motivated</p>	

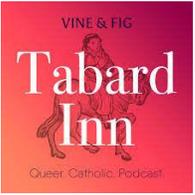
	<p>in Philosophy, the Department of Philosophy, the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, and the Campus Compact Fund for Positive Engagement</p>		<p>by a desire to live the Gospel message of love and inclusivity.</p> <p>Emily Garvey is the Assistant Director of the Summer Service Learning Program at the Center for Social Concerns at Notre Dame. She received her master's degree in Theology from the University of Notre Dame and her undergraduate degree in Philosophy and English Literature from Saint Mary's College.</p> <p>This event was co-sponsored by the McMahon Aquinas Chair in Philosophy, the Department of Philosophy, the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, and the Campus Compact Fund for Positive Engagement. November 30, 2017</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvsMh3q8V1U&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KvsMh3q8V1U&amp;feature=youtu.be</a></p>
	<p>St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, New York City</p>	<p><i>Owning our Faith</i></p>	<p>In November 2014, several LGBT Catholics from the Church of St. Paul the Apostle in New York City launched a project concerning the relationship between the Catholic Church and people of sexual and gender minorities. The goals of this project are to foster dialogue about and encourage greater inclusion and acceptance of LGBT people in the Church.</p> <p><a href="http://www.owningourfaith.com/video-1">http://www.owningourfaith.com/video-1</a></p>
	<p>Walton, Greg</p>	<p><i>Accompanying LGBTQ Youth and their Families</i></p>	<p>Presentation at 2020 Los Angeles Religious Education Congress. Greg Walton is a Catholic Musician and Speaker who integrates the sacred and secular as a means to draw people deeper into the love of God. (Contains audio and accompanying slide presentation.)</p> <p><a href="https://www.gregwalton.com/home/blog/accompanying-lgbtq-youth-and-their-families">https://www.gregwalton.com/home/blog/accompanying-lgbtq-youth-and-their-families</a></p>
	<p>WomanVision.org</p>	<p><i>All God's Children</i></p>	<p>All God's Children presents a political, social, and religious analysis of sexual orientation within the context of the traditional <b>African-American values</b> of freedom, inclusion, and the Christian love ethic. Through the voices of politicians, religious leaders, academics, family members, and activists, All God's Children vividly illustrates the human toll exacted upon society by the unspoken stigmatization and alienation of lesbians and gay men. Respected religious and political leaders, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Rev. James Forbes, Rev. Carol L. Murray, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Senator Carol Moseley-Braun, Mayor Ken Reeves, and Cornel West call for spiritual reconciliation and a commitment to equal rights and social justice for all people.</p>

			Best Documentary, 1996 National Black Arts Film Festival  <a href="https://vimeo.com/2304279">https://vimeo.com/2304279</a>
<i>Podcast</i>	<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Synopsis</i>
	Interfaith Voices	<i>Trans in the Eyes of God: Part 1</i>	Toni Newman: "I'm accountable only to God" America's rapidly shifting views on gender, identity, and LGBT rights. Religious groups wrestle with myriad, competing views on transgender identity.  <a href="https://interfaithradio.org/Archive/2018-September/Trans%20in%20the%20Eyes%20of%20God%20Part%201">https://interfaithradio.org/Archive/2018-September/Trans in the Eyes of God Part 1</a>  (September 2018)
	Interfaith Voices	<i>Trans in the Eyes of God: Part 2</i>	In the Church of England, you can only be baptized once. But some transgender people are seeking a new liturgy to reintroduce themselves to God, and their community.  <a href="http://interfaithradio.org/admin/Showsfiles/5cc31ac4a1372SHOW_1917.mp3">http://interfaithradio.org/admin/Showsfiles/5cc31ac4a1372SHOW_1917.mp3</a>  (March 2019)
	Interfaith Voices	<i>Trans in the Eyes of God: Part 3</i>	Religion isn't always a welcoming place for trans people. We hear the stories of some who have found a place for themselves in Judaism, Hinduism, and Buddhism.  <a href="https://interfaithradio.org/Archive/2019-March/Trans%20in%20the%20Eyes%20of%20God%20Part%203">https://interfaithradio.org/Archive/2019-March/Trans in the Eyes of God Part 3</a>  (August 2019)
	Jesuit Institute South Africa Expanding Horizons series	<i>Michele de Klerk — a divorced, gay, Catholic mother speaks</i>	Michele de Klerk served as a full-time paid lay youth coordinator at her parish in Johannesburg, South Africa. In 2017, she was finally able to recognize, admit and confront the truth that she is gay.  The journey towards accepting her sexuality — as a Catholic, divorcee and mother — has been a struggle. It leaves her wrestling with God and the Church, asking whether God accepts and loves her as divorced, gay and a mother. Among those whom she looks to for comfort are priests with whom she is close, some accept and love her as a gay woman; others only seem to add to the burdens she carries. Michele talks to Russell Pollitt SJ about being



		<p><i>LGBTQ Youth: A Call for Openness and Affirmation"</i></p> <p>Department of Theology and Philosophy. 11. Marian University Indianapolis</p>	<p>descriptive and prescriptive, and calls into question the lack of ministerial presence afforded to Catholic LGBTQ youth. The essay briefly examines the official ecclesiastical documents on homosexuality and their relevance for LGBTQ youth. Next it assesses the major US ecclesial youth ministry document, <i>Renewing the Vision</i>, and calls for its renewal and revision. In particular the article offers concrete recommendations for the two areas of Catholic youth ministry—advocacy and pastoral care—that would have the most positive impact for LGBTQ youth and Catholic youth ministry. Finally, the article calls for the US Catholic bishops, youth ministers, and parents to be more open and affirming with LGBTQ youth and provides some practical suggestions.</p> <p><a href="https://mushare.marian.edu/fp_dtp/11">https://mushare.marian.edu/fp_dtp/11</a></p>
	Canales, Arthur D.	<p><i>Ministry to Transgender Teenagers (Part One): Pursuing Awareness and Understanding about Trans Youth</i></p>	<p>Unfortunately, there are way too many pastoral care providers, youth ministers, and pastors who remain ignorant about the subject of transgender teenagers or simply ignore their feelings or experiences. Transgender teenagers are often alienated and misunderstood, however the importance of pastoral care is enormous.</p> <p><a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1542305018790216">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1542305018790216</a></p>
	Derouen, Luisa and Gramick, Jeannine	<p><i>"Ministry on the Gender Margins</i></p>	<p><i>"I hope minds and hearts will be open to learn about transgender people and to seek out opportunities to meet them, if possible. I pray that your readers will see transgender people as God sees them. That means to see them as the persons they are."</i></p> <p><a href="#">Ministry on the gender margins   Global Sisters Report</a></p>
	Dever, Deacon Ray	<p><i>"Transgender and Catholic, A parent's perspective: a deacon's personal account of parenting a transgender child"</i></p>	<p>("So when I hear pronouncements about an "ideology of gender," they simply do not ring true for me. Anyone with any significant first-hand experience with transgender individuals would be baffled by the suggestion that trans people are somehow the result of an ideology.")</p> <p><a href="#">Transgender and Catholic: A parent's perspective (uscatholic.org)</a></p>
	Martin, James,S.J.	<p><i>Reflections on Pride:A meditation for LGBT Catholics</i></p>	<p>Fr. Martin offers some words of wisdom and encouragement to LGBT Catholics, and youth in particular who may be struggling with their relationship with God and with the Church.</p> <p><a href="https://www.americamagazine.org/content/all-things/reflections-pride">https://www.americamagazine.org/content/all-things/reflections-pride</a></p>

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Massingale, Bryan	"The Challenge of Idolatry for LGBTI Ministry"	Panel: "The Theological Mandate for LGBTI Justice Work" Global Network of Rainbow Catholics Chicago, IL 4 July 2019 <a href="https://www.dignityusa.org/news/challenge-idolatry-lgbti-ministry">https://www.dignityusa.org/news/challenge-idolatry-lgbti-ministry</a>	
Parodi-Brown, Joseph. A. (2019)	<i>Being lgbt in a catholic school: Understanding students' lived experience to influence school leadership practice</i> [Doctoral dissertation, Creighton University]	The purpose of this qualitative dissertation in practice study was to describe the in-school experiences of LGBT students at Catholic high schools. The aim of the study was to create a framework to develop in-school interventions for LGBTQ+ students in a small independent Catholic high school. Using a phenomenological approach, the study examined the lived experiences of six LGBT recent graduates of a Catholic high school through interviews. Participants' responses revealed shared experiences: institutional silence from the school about sexual and gender minority students, extensive support from individuals within the school, and experiences of fear about being queer at a Catholic school. The findings from the study demonstrated the importance of educational leadership practices in shaping their experiences. These findings and best practices from LGBTQ+ youth research and from educational practitioners informed a three-tiered solution for Catholic school leaders to integrate into their practice including professional development, curricular review, and the creation of ally and affinity groups. This dissertation in practice study has implications for research as there are few studies about LGBTQ+ students in U.S. Catholic schools and for practice as this framework can be helpful for independent Catholic high schools throughout the country. Keywords: LGBTQ+, Catholic education, independent schools, leadership as practice. <a href="https://dspace2.creighton.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/10504/122787/Parodi-Brown_J_2019_EdD.pdf?sequence=1&amp;isAllowed=y">https://dspace2.creighton.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/10504/122787/Parodi-Brown_J_2019_EdD.pdf?sequence=1&amp;isAllowed=y</a>	
St. Amand, Colt and Derouen, Luisa	"Responding responsibly as parents of transgender children: Three dynamic movements"	Parents' inability or unwillingness to accept their transgender child has profound psychological and spiritual ramifications for the child. It erodes the confidence of their child to trust their own inner self-knowing. The child believes God does not and cannot love them. Constantly challenging and denying their human reality and their dignity is spiritual abuse. It undermines their sense of self-worth, erodes the parent-child bond and increases risks for health problems. <a href="https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/responding-responsibly-parents-transgender-children">https://www.ncronline.org/news/opinion/responding-responsibly-parents-transgender-children</a>	

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	Beloved Arise	Beloved Arise	<p>OUR MISSION: To celebrate and empower queer youth of faith. Beloved Arise is the first national organization dedicated primarily to empowering youth to proudly embrace both their faith and queer identity.</p> <p>CHRISTIAN ROOTS, MULTI-FAITH VISION: Established as a Christian organization, Beloved Arise currently focuses on resources for teens across all Christian denominations. Our long-term vision is to partner with other faith-based organizations to extend the love of God to queer youth from other faith traditions where LGBTQ+ inclusion falls short.</p> <p><a href="https://www.belovedarise.org/">https://www.belovedarise.org/</a></p>
	Vine and Fig Collective	Vine and Fig	<p>The Vine and Fig Collective is an LGBTQ Catholic media platform and online community that “seeks to elevate the lives of Queer Catholics as we find beauty and power at the intersection of our faith and sexuality.” Co-founded by Pat and Jacob Flores, a gay married couple, it includes a blog, newsletter, podcast, and online Slack community. The website offers helpful resources for young and old alike, although much of the content is created by and oriented toward millennial LGBTQ Catholics.</p> <p><a href="https://vineandfig.co/">https://vineandfig.co/</a></p>
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 <p>AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION</p>	<p>American Psychological Association</p>	<p><i>Answers to Your Questions for a Better Understanding of Sexual Orientation &amp; Homosexuality</i></p>	<p>Basic information on sexual orientation. (2008)</p> <p><a href="https://www.apa.org/topics/lgbt/orientation.pdf">https://www.apa.org/topics/lgbt/orientation.pdf</a></p>
 <p>AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION</p>	<p>American Psychological Association</p>	<p><i>Answers to Your Questions About Transgender People, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression</i></p>	<p>Basic information on transgender and gender identity. (2014)</p> <p><a href="https://www.apa.org/topics/lgbt/transgender.pdf">https://www.apa.org/topics/lgbt/transgender.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>REFLECTIONS/ MEDITATIONS/ SPIRITUALITY</b></p>	<p><b>SCRIPTURE VERSES</b></p>		
<p>King David</p>	<p><i>Psalms 139: 13-15</i></p>	<p>How to worship God</p>	<p>“The prayer of a believing heart”.</p>
<p>Micah</p>	<p><i>Micah 6: 6-8</i></p>	<p>What does the Lord require of us?</p>	<p>Micah answers the question: What does the Lord require of us to worship him?</p>
<p>St. John</p>	<p><i>1John 4:16-21</i></p>	<p>God created us and cares for us</p>	<p>A letter to early Christians to warn them against false teaching and encourage them in their duty of loving God and one another</p>
<p>St. Paul</p>	<p><i>Romans 8:38-39</i></p>	<p>God’s love for us is constant</p>	<p>Paul wrote to explain his understanding of the Christian faith and its practical implications for the life of Christians. In these verses Paul instructed his readers about the way of love in relations with God and others.</p>
	<p><i>Romans 13:10</i></p>	<p>Love does no harm</p>	<p>Love is not an emotion which we may indulge or not, as we please. It is not to select its objects according to our estimate of their lovableness or goodness. But we are bound to love. <b>Paul sets forth the obligation of a love which embraces all mankind, and comprehends all duties to them.</b></p>

	<i>1 Corinthians 13</i>	Love and other Gifts of the Spirit	Paul wrote this letter to deal with problems of Christian Life and Faith that had arisen in the church in Corinth. Chapter 13 presents love as the best of God's gifts to his people.
	<i>Galatians 5: 22-23</i>	Love's relationship to the Law	Paul addresses questions of true faith and practice among the Christians in Galatia. These verses describe Christian conduct that flows from living in the Spirit.
St. Peter	<i>1 Peter 4:8</i>	Love	Addressed to Christians scattered throughout Asia Minor. Purpose was to encourage those facing suffering and persecution for their faith to "above all love"







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