Queer People and the Catholic Church

Given the Catholic Church’s enormous influence in culture, society, and politics, it is not surprising that a great deal of writing exists about LGBTQ people, queer issues, and the Church. At the SNMA, there are over 130 books that critically investigate these intersections from different vantage points, with a focus on issues such as faith, homophobia, sexual abuse, HIV/AIDS, marriage, and progressive politics. Most of these books are memoirs, journalistic studies, religious texts, and novels from the 1980s to the present.


A book advocating for the acceptance of gay marriage in Catholic communities.

A comic novel about an upbringing in the Catholic Church.

A personal memoir of a gay Catholic who lived through the HIV/AIDS crisis in New York City.

A collection of positive Catholic writings on gay and lesbian issues.

An exposé of the Catholic Church’s cover ups, hush money, and manipulations to keep its history of sexual abuse secret.

A coming-of-age novel about growing up gay and Catholic in the 1960s.

A study of the homophobia and homoeroticism of the Catholic Church.

A study of the Church’s treatment of sexuality, written by a psychologist and former priest.

A new interpretation of sexuality in the Catholic tradition.

A farcical novel about a Catholic community.

A study of homophobia in Catholic education.

A memoir of Murray’s evolving understanding of religion, the church, and society.
A short booklet for gay Catholics who wish to integrate their sexual orientation into their religious beliefs and practices.

A study of the significance of correct sexuality in Catholic visions of heaven.

A personal account of becoming a priest, coming out, and leaving the priesthood.

The story of a celibate lesbian Catholic.