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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.

AIDS Ministry Program, The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, *For Those We Love: A Spiritual Perspective on AIDS* (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 1990).

A Catholic response to the devastation of the AIDS epidemic.

Raymond Alikpala, *Of God and Men: A Life in the Closet* (Dunboyne: Maverick House, 2012).

The memoir of a former Catholic priest from the Philippines.

James Alison, *On Being Liked* (New York: Crossroad Pub., 2003).

A book about God, homosexuality, and creation.

Robert L. Arpin, *Wonderfully, Fearfully Made: Letters on Living with Hope, Teaching Understanding, and Ministering with Love, from a Gay Catholic Priest with AIDS* (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1993).

A personal story and words of insight from a Roman Catholic priest living with HIV/AIDS.

Robert Benard, *A Catholic Education: A Novel* (New York: Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1982).

The story of a young Catholic who enters the priesthood and falls in love with another novice.

Donald Boisvert, *Sanctity and Male Desire: A Gay Reading of Saints* (Cleveland: Pilgrim Press, 2004).

A study of the homoeroticism of Catholic saints.

Frank Bruni and Elinor Burkett, *A Gospel of Shame: Children, Sexual Abuse, and the Catholic Church* (New York: Viking, 1993).

A book about the pervasiveness of child sexual abuse in the Church.

Jesse Davis, *A Catholic Mother Looks at the Gay Child* (Tempe, AZ: New Falcon, 1997).

A book for Catholic parents with gay children.

Francis DeBernardo, *Marriage Equality: A Positive Catholic Approach* (Mount Rainier, MD: New Ways Ministry, 2011).

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

Jack Fritscher, *What They Did to the Kid: Confessions of an Altar Boy* (San Francisco: Palm Drive Pub., 2001).

A comic novel about an upbringing in the Catholic Church.

Richard Giannone, *Hidden: Reflections on Gay Life, AIDS, and Spiritual Desire* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2012).

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

Jeannine Gramick and Robert Nugent, eds., *Voices of Hope* (New York: Center for Homophobic Education, 1995).

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

The Investigative Staff of *The Boston Globe*, *Betrayal: The Crisis in the Catholic Church* (Boston: Little, Brown and Co., 2002).

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

Greg Johnson, *Pagan Babies* (New York: Plume, 1993).

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

Mark D. Jordan, *The Silence of Sodom: Homosexuality in Modern Catholicism* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000).

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

Eugene Kennedy, *The Unhealed Wound: The Church and Human Sexuality* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2001).

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

Anthony Kosnik, ed., *Human Sexuality: New Directions in American Catholic Thought* (New York: Paulist Press, 1977).

A new interpretation of sexuality in the Catholic tradition.

Gregory Maguire, *The Next Queen of Heaven* (New York: Harper, 2010).

A farcical novel about a Catholic community.

Michael Maher, Jr., *Being Gay and Lesbian in a Catholic High School: Beyond the Uniform* (New York: Harrington Park Press, 2001).

A study of homophobia in Catholic education.

Paul Murray, *Life in Paradox: The Story of a Gay Catholic Priest* (Winchester, UK: O Books, 2008).

A memoir of Murray's evolving understanding of religion, the church, and society.

Robert Nugent, Jeannine Gramick, and Thomas Oddo, eds., *Homosexual Catholics: A New Primer for Discussion* (Washington, D.C.: Dignity, Inc., 1980).

A short booklet for gay Catholics who wish to integrate their sexual orientation into their religious beliefs and practices.

John Portmann, *Sex and Heaven: Catholics in Bed and at Prayer* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003).

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

Mark Tedesco, *That Undeniable Longing: My Road to and from the Priesthood* (Chicago: Academy Chicago Publishers, 2006).

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

Eve Tushnet, *Gay and Catholic: Accepting My Sexuality, Finding Community, Living My Faith* (Notre Dame, IN: Ave Maria Press, 2014).

The story of a celibate lesbian Catholic.