

A SUMMER ZOOM ENCOUNTER FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Hosted by:

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Catholic LGBT Ministry Diocese of Lexington

&

Fortunate Families

MINISTRY TO TRANSGENDER PERSONS A PASTORAL RESPONSE *3-part Zoom Encounter*

Sister Luisa Derouen, O.P.

Sister Luisa is a member of the Dominican Sisters of Peace and has been a woman religious for 59 years. She has been ministering among the transgender community nationally for 22 years. She has an MA in Liturgical Theology and completed her internship in spiritual direction from the Ignatius Jesuit Center in Guelph, Ontario.

Christine Zuba

Christine Zuba is a transgender Catholic and Chair of the Transgender Ministry of Fortunate Families. She is a Eucharistic Minister at the parish of Saints Peter and Paul in Turnersville, NJ, and serves as a facilitator of her parish LGBTQ ministry, "Together in Prayer." She participates in similar ministries across New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York City. Christine has a BS in Electrical Engineering from Penn State, and an MBA from Rutgers University. She has been involved in broadcast television and radio equipment sales for over 30 years and is Eastern Regional Manager for Dielectric LLC, based in Raymond, ME. She has been living as her authentic self for 6 years.

Deacon Ray Dever

Ray is a permanent deacon in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida, as well as a husband and father of three daughters, one of whom is transgender. He has a graduate degree in theology from St. Leo University and is a frequent speaker and writer on matters of faith in the LGBTQ community and pastoral responses to LGBTQ issues.

FRIDAY JUNE 4, 1pm – 2:30 pm Eastern

Sister Luisa will share her call to transgender ministry and the shape it has taken and provide an overview of the current context of this issue in the church and society. Her primary focus has been on spiritual accompaniment of transgender people as they strive to be faithful to God and to themselves.

FRIDAY JULY 16, 1pm – 2:30pm Eastern

Christine's story is poignant and transformational. She found a welcoming, embracing, loving home in the Church. Deeply involved in ministry and immersed in mission, Christine's journey is a reminder of how the Church and the Church's ministers can touch a life with grace.

FRIDAY AUGUST 13, 1pm – 2:30pm Eastern

Deacon Ray will share his journey as a parent of a transgender daughter and as a permanent deacon, navigating through pastoral issues and family issues. Pastoral accompaniment is a Gospel imperative and becoming an accompanying Church is everyone's call. Deacon Ray understands first-hand the pastoral challenges.

All three presenters will offer suggestions for pastoral care of transgender people.

THE FORMAT

1:00pm: Welcome

1:05pm: Opening Prayer

1:10pm: Speaker

1:50pm: Questions/Comments

2:25pm: Remarks and Closing Prayer

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