

PRESS RELEASE

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FORTUNATE FAMILIES INC ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL MINISTRY FORMATION SESSIONS FOR TRANSGENDER ACCOMPANIMENT AND EDUCATION.

Fortunate Families Inc, of Lexington, KY, is launching additional ministry formation sessions using a series of 15 videos on the lives of transgender and non-binary persons.

Ministry Formation is designed for the formation of pastoral ministers to enable the participants to better accompany them as they embrace their lived reality in the context of their Christian faith.

Educational Group Sessions are designed for groups (dioceses, schools, parishes, medical, parish LGBTQ+ ministries, etc.) to help understand the many issues that affect the personal and spiritual well being of transgender and non-binary persons and of their families. Interested groups should contact Fortunate Families directly.

Recorded in 2021, 2022 and 2024, the videos are facilitated by Sister Luisa Derouen, OP and Fortunate Families. Having served the Catholic Church for over 50 years, for over 2 decades Sister Luisa has been an advocate on behalf of transgender and non-binary persons. Upon her retirement Sister Luisa has documented her life's work and to share her years of knowledge, experience and professional relationships, so that these sessions can be used in service of those who wish to be a supportive presence of God in their lives.

Topics Include:

- Words Matter: Language and Terms
- Transgender History in the U.S.
- Spiritual Companionship, Counseling, and Spiritual Direction
- Our Sacred Bodies: Medical Realities for Trans People
- Conscience, Development of Doctrine, and Catholic Teaching Related to LGBTQ+ People
- Transgender Children
- Psychological Considerations
- What is Non-binary?
- Theological, Moral, and Pastoral Issues In Spiritual Accompaniment of Trans People
- Faith and Spirituality
- Workplace Inclusion for Transgender and Non-Binary People
- Family Dynamics
- Legal Challenges of Transgender Individuals
- Cis-Gendered Partners/Spouses
- Parenting a Transgender Child

To help defray program costs, there is a \$200 per person fee for the ministry program, as you are able. We also ask you to consider making a recurring donation to Fortunate Families, via our [website](#) or by sending a check. Education Groups will be asked for a group donation based upon a sliding scale. The deadline to register for these sessions is June 30th. Sessions will begin in August. **To register and for additional information visit the Fortunate Families Inc. website at www.fortunatefamilies.com; or contact:**

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