

Bulletin Announcements regarding the Ministry of Courage and Encourage:

Courage is a Catholic spiritual support community for persons with same sex attraction. This ministry aims to assist them to deal with homosexual attractions and live chastely in light of the moral and spiritual teachings of the Catholic Church. It has helped thousands of men and women find peace through fellowship, the Scriptures, prayer, and the sacramental life of the Church. Begun in 1980, Courage has over 110 chapters worldwide. It is endorsed by the Pontifical Council for the Family, and the US Bishops: (USCCB 2006 "*Ministry to Persons with Homosexual Inclinations*").

EnCourage is the affiliate support community for families and friends of those with same sex attraction. This ministry provides assistance with pastoral and spiritual needs and also works to develop open communication between parents and adult children with same sex attraction.

For more information on this ministry, contact the **Spiritual Director of Courage in the Raleigh Diocese**, Fr. James Fukes, OFM Conv., at courage@raldioc.org, or by mail: St. Julia Parish, 210 Harold Hart Rd., Siler City, NC 27344, or by phone: (919) 742-5584. All information, identity of persons contacting us will be kept strictly confidential. Visit the international Courage Web site: www.couragerc.net