

**THE GAY AND LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY OF THE CLEVELAND
CATHOLIC DIOCESE is pleased to announce:**

A new support group is forming! ALL are Welcome! Our Saint Mary Family Support Group will meet the fourth Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. The goal of this ministry is to support all persons, in particular, LGBTQ persons, and their family/friends, in their quest for wholeness and holiness. Any questions, please contact Lori Joseph at ljoseph@stmaryhudson.ccf or at 330-653-8118, ext. 233. Saint Mary Parish in Hudson is located at 340 N. Main Street.

The Body of Christ in the Diocese of Cleveland is called to reverence each person as a unique reflection of God's presence in our midst.

There are **Family Support Groups** that may be found at:

Holy Spirit Parish in Avon Lake ((440) 933-3777) and usually meets the first Sunday of each month. Please call the parish for additional details.

Also at Saint John Vianney Parish in Mentor ((440) 943-3445) and the meeting is usually on the second Sunday of each month. Please call the parish for additional details.

Parish Outreach Groups exist to provide a place of support, affirmation and spiritual guidance to gay and lesbian Catholics:

Blessed Trinity, Cleveland (Westside) is facilitated by Rev. Douglas Koesel ((216) 671-5890) and usually meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Gesu Parish, University Heights (Eastside) ((216) 932-0617). Please call parish for details. For any additional information, please feel free to call Fr. Mike, at the Parish Center or the Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525 or 1-800-869-6525, ext. 3500.

DIOCESAN MINISTRY TO THE INCARCERATED

(See: www.leafministry.org for additional information on this ministry)

Do you have families in your parish, who, because of the incarceration of a loved one, experience isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone? **The LEAF Ministry** has been formed to be of support to these families. Groups meet monthly offering an opportunity to those who come to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All are welcome to participate irrespective of faith affiliation. For more information and to verify the schedules, please call one of the following parishes and visit the website: www.leafministry.org . No pre-registration is necessary.

It is our intention to continue to form additional groups in the various areas of the diocese. If you are interested in beginning a group or want more information, call Sister Rita Mary Harwood, SND at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x2200.

Medina County

Medina Parishes meeting at St. Francis Xavier Parishes

600 East Washington Street

Medina, Ohio 44256

330-725-4968

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Monday of the month

Summit County

St. Mary Hudson

340 North Main Street

Hudson, Ohio 44236

330-653-8118

Meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of the month

There are additional groups that have also formed in the following counties:

Cuyahoga County, Geauga County, Lake County, Lorain County

Other groups will be beginning in the fall and winter. For more information,

call 216-696- 6525 x 3500 or visit www.leafministry.org

Chaplain Services at the Prisons and Jails located in the Diocese of Cleveland

If you have a loved one incarcerated in one of the eight counties of the Diocese and would like to have a priest, deacon or one of our lay volunteer ministers visit with them, please call the Parish Life Office at 800 869 6525 or 216 6525 x 3500. The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has a presence in the three state prisons, the county jails and the juvenile facilities located within our diocese. We would be glad to have someone visit with them.