San Jose Catholic Bishop issues guidelines for pastoral care of gays

San Jose Bishop Pierre DuMaine has issued guidelines for ministry to homosexuals, essentially aimed at helping parish priests deal pastorally with Gay/Lesbian Catholics.

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The "Pastoral Guidelines for Ministry to Homosexuals in the Diocese of San Jose" have been published in the March edition of The Valley Catholic, official diocesan newspaper, along with an extensive interview with the five members of the committee who worked with Bishop DuMaine for two years to create the guidelines.

... sometimes families have felt compelled to turn against a gay son or lesbian daughter. I know families where this splitting has caused a lot of heartache.

—Sister Joan Panella
Campus Minister, SJU

Father Richard Fry, Pastor of St. Julie Parish in San Jose and a member of the committee, said that the bishops will be welcomed by many clergy who have long felt the need "to come backup from someone in authority about ministry to gay people. I think the response of most of the priests will be very positive."

"This will let ministers know they are supported," Father Fry said, viewing the guidelines from the perspective of a pastor and minister, which was his role on the committee.

The dialogue throughout our two-year process was impressive," he said, "and the Bishop came across as very pastoral. He listened; he was interested. I think the important thing here is that the guidelines are pastoral and that there is no l-k of heavy theology. What is emphasized is the Church's caring concerns for people. "I think there is a lot of concern about this issue among priests and we are infinitely sought as counselors on this, because people in the gay community have a perception — which is incorrect — that they are cut off from the Church. I think these guidelines will help immensely in a healing process on this."

In creating the guidelines, the Bishop was concerned with pastoral care of individuals and families as well as supporting the traditional teaching of the Roman Catholic Church on sexuality.

"The guidelines accept, without elaborating, the perennial teaching of the Catholic Church on sexual morality, conscience and personal sin." (sec. 1.2)

"The guidelines also accept the teaching of the Catholic Church on social ethics but do not propose a social action agenda. When the voice or action of the Church is needed in the religious or secular forum, appropriate agents of the parish and diocese will be informed and enlisted to uphold basic human and civil rights against social or legal injustice."

Gay Republicans Meet in Palm Springs

Palm Springs — 30 Republican leaders from throughout California met in Palm Springs early this month to organize the Californians for Individual Rights and Equality (CIRCL-PAC), billed in a press release as "the first statewide political action committee to address the advocacy of human rights (in particular non-discrimination towards gay men and women) within the Republican Party."

"Although gay men and women have traditionally been perceived as identifying with the tenets of the Democratic Party," said a spokesman, "there has been an increasing awareness among Republican gay urban professionals who are now articulating their political views. The Palm Springs conference is evidence of this new emergence."

During the weekend conference, delegates from Log Cabin Clubs in Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego, and San Francisco's Concerned Republicans for Individual Rights attended seminars on party strategy, conflicts with fundamentalists, relations with other gay political action committees, criteria for distributing funds, and telemarketing and direct mail fundraising techniques. A steering committee will meet in Santa Clara in early March to finalize the structure of the organization and nominate a regionally selected Board of Directors.

CIRCL-PAC, which was founded two years ago, aims "to wield influence at the 1988 GOP convention."

According to Executive Director Frank Richiazzi of Los Angeles, "Our financial power is already considerable ... it is now time to make an impact."

CIRCL-PAC is currently reviewing candidates for the U.S. Senate seat held by Democrat Alan Cranston.
County Supervisors Respond To BAYMEC AIDS PROPOSALS

By Judy Rickard
Santa Clara County Supervisors responded to BAYMEC AIDS Proposals at their Feb. 1 11 meeting, providing support services to AIDS patients and their families.

AIDS funding has been a topic of discussion in recent years, with the supervisors discussing ways to improve services for those affected by the disease.

In response to BAYMEC's AIDS Proposals, the supervisors approved funding for a variety of services, including mental health and social support programs.

The supervisors also discussed the need for more research and education on AIDS, as well as the importance of providing support to those affected by the disease.

Overall, the response from the supervisors was positive, with a commitment to continuing to work towards improving services for AIDS patients and their families.
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The ARIS Project: Free From Fear

By Ted Sahli

It is no easy task attending an ARIS meeting. At this point in time the Santa Clara County Health Department reports 90 cases of AIDS in the Santa Clara County and that number is expected to double each year.

AIDS stands for "AIDS Reference Initial Service" and the project developed out of a meeting called by Milton Kellberg, a public health nurse, and David Bergog, working with the Santa Clara County Health Department AIDS project.

In this ARIS project, it is estimated that fifty people attend meetings, doctors, social workers, ministers, therapists, representatives of "The Snatch Project" of San Francisco, people from "The Center of Living and Dying," and the "Hospitaled," former patients planning to return to AIDS, and others.

It is a young organization: one month old, meeting in private homes on Tuesday nights. It can't remember exactly how many meetings it has had, but I feel sure it has been ten.

They are for the most part young men and women around 30 years old, including a non-gay woman infected by blood transfusion; gay men, some with small children; and casual men and women, all as young as 16. A woman married to a gay man is carried into the women's section and a woman who is in love with her is carried in the other section, her body is hardly visible. For some of the men long into their AIDS illness is still evident in their drawn faces. AIDS is not a death without struggle. They all come to ARIS because they know something support is needed for themselves and others. They are also here for emotional support on a one-on-one basis. A 24-hour response to a person's needs, donating time, love, emotional support always with one person in mind. To achieve the goal of one you know, you have a chance.

One is constantly reminded of being at an ARIS meeting every Tuesday. The faces of these men and women who are suffering and need in one another. The ARIS concept can be as many faces suffering each experience.

New bill cracks down on violent PCP users

Sacramento — A new bill was introduced in the state Senate last week which will increase the penalties for the influence of the drug PCP.

The bill, authored by Senator Dan McCorquodale (D-San Jose/Midpeninsula), comes as a result of numerous incidents suffered by law enforcement personnel attempting to arrest subjects high on PCP. When arrested, PCP, short for phencyclidine, can produce bizarre behavior and give persons a false,chanical normal pain threshold.

For some it is a place to listen to what is being said, to meditate, to take in every word, to reflect on another time. Death is no stranger to ARIS, it is discussed openly. One asks, "Why do I get so angry sometimes? I am going to die, when?"

"Why should we hear of couples who have this disease?"

"We can give an answer. They cannot. Someone else who will, make the tell the family the other side of the story."

And yet it is always a place to meet. Life is a place to visit. 

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LGBTQ+ Culture and History

The Lgbtq+ Culture and History project is a community-based project that aims to collect and preserve the history of Lgbtq+ individuals and organizations in the San Francisco Bay Area. The project is seeking meeting minutes, photographs, posters, flyers, and other materials that document the Lgbtq+ community's role in shaping the culture and history of the Bay Area. Submit materials to the DeFrank Center, 160 N. 3rd Street, San Jose, CA 95110. Contact: (408) 226-3600.

F.L.S.O., P.O. Box 70933, Sunnyvale 94066.

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Gay Games Organizers Lose, May Appeal "Olympic" Case; Claim Victory on Attorneys' Fees

The first issue was whether the Constitution included within its guarantees of due process the protection of a "real" Olympic Games for "the public." The second issue was whether the public might confuse the "real" Olympics with the Gay Games by fairly using the name "Olympic." The USOC is empowered to prohibit the public's use of "Olympic" in 1982. The 9th Circuit held that the public might confuse the "real" Olympics with the Gay Games. The first issue was whether the USOC is under a duty to protect the "real" Olympics from the public's use of the word "Olympic" and its associated marks in the public domain. The second issue was whether the public might reasonably use the word "Olympic" if it were the real one. The Gay Games' application for registration of the word "Olympic," and its associated marks, was rejected by the 9th Circuit. The Gay Games appealed to the US District Court for the Northern District of California, which granted summary judgment for USOC's claim to trademark rights in the name "Olympic." The Gay Games appealed the district court's decision to the 9th Circuit, which reversed the district court's decision and held that the Gay Games could use the word "Olympic" with reasonable care. The Gay Games may go forward without the indemnity that the USOC requested, and they will petition for review of the 9th Circuit's decision in the US Supreme Court. The Gay Games claim that their use of "Olympic" is not barred. The USOC may not be found to be deprived of due process.

Gay Games II, scheduled for August 9-17 of this year in San Francisco, will feature 10,000 athletes registered to participate in 200 events. The Gay Games are open to gay and non-gay, men and women. The Gay Games are being accepted through June 1, 1986. The Gay Games are held for foreign countries, but not for foreign countries. The Gay Games will go forward without the indemnity that the USOC requested, and they will petition for review of the 9th Circuit's decision in the US Supreme Court. The Gay Games claim that their use of "Olympic" is not barred. The USOC may not be found to be deprived of due process.
"It's Green-Up Time"

by Pat Wayne

The month of March always reminds me of a party invitation you receive on a Fall day. It doesn't change much of what's going on all around you, but it does suggest the newness of the time to come.

When I was growing up, my grandparents would cling to an old countryside habit of setting fresh greens in the month of March. They would make their own special preparations to begin the annual greens practice. We'll be having greens and chard. Mustard greens and dandelion leaves often appear on our table. When I was growing up, my family would often make the greens and dandelion leaves often appear on our table. When I was growing up, my family would often make the greens and dandelion leaves often appear on our table.

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