



# FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN. UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

May the hope that was born unto us on that Silent, Holy Night remain in our hearts throughout the New Year, bringing joy and dignity to all people.

The Executive Board of  
AGLOChicago

Dear Members of AGLO,

AGLO is now in its 21<sup>st</sup> year. We have reached the age of maturity, a time to look beyond ourselves and to the community surrounding us. Now, more than ever, we need community to see for us and with us the best about us. We want to become more visible in the community—not only the LGBT community, but also the communities in which we live and work—and add to its growth.

As members of the Catholic Church, we embrace the Church's teachings on the Right to Life. These rights belong to all people, from the moment of conception, through all phases of life, up to the time of death. These rights include the right to be treated with dignity and acceptance at all times, at all places, and by all people.

AGLO's theme for 2009 is "Encourage one Another." We plan to accomplish this by reaching out even more to the communities that surround us, spreading hope and strength to those who might be weak or in need; encouraging people to treat everyone with the dignity and acceptance they so much deserve; helping people—especially young adults—to reconcile their sexual orientation within their Catholic faith.

We are reaching out to you, our members, for your contribution in this Season of Hope to support our outreach efforts in the New Year. You can support us in a number of ways:

- ❖ a donation of AV equipment, crucial for us to reach out effectively. Perhaps you, or your firm, are looking to dispose of AV equipment; please consider donating them to us. This can include an LCD projector, screen, copier, even a laptop. Please contact the AGLO Office by calling 773-525.3872, or any of the Board members.
- ❖ a monetary contribution to sustain and expand our outreach efforts. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.
- ❖ simply invite a friend to join us at our weekly Mass.

We thank you for helping to sustain and build the only weekly LGBT Catholic Mass in the world. And we ask you to join in helping build hope and dignity throughout our community.

*Rev. Pat Lee*  
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Moderator

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## Advent & Christmas Events

### † Enlightening Worship

Experience outstanding, old and new music and expressions of communal prayer each Sunday during Advent.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available every Sunday during Advent starting at 6:15 pm in the Eden Chapel.

### † Encouraging Advent Series

*Sundays before Mass at 5pm in Casey Hall*

Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: "Centering Prayer"-facilitated by Stan Buglione

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: "Reducing 'Fear Factors' from our Lives"-facilitated by Greg Coloian & R. Scott Boot

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>: "The Incarnation"- facilitated by Larry Cubalchini

### † Generosity to the Community

We will be collecting \$10 gift cards from Walgreen's, Target, Jewel, etc. to benefit the youth at the Broadway Youth Center-Sundays through Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.

### † AGLO Christmas Ornaments

We will again be distributing an ornament for your Christmas tree following the Advent Liturgies.

### † AGLO Christmas Party

Saturday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

Marcello's, 645 North Ave., 6:30 p.m.

\$35 per person (NOTE: same price as last year); Cash Bar

### † Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

Please join us for AGLO's Christmas celebration.

*For more information on all our events, read "The Blaze" or visit our website at [www.aglochicago.org](http://www.aglochicago.org)*

