

About St. Francis De Sales and St. Mary Refuge of Sinners Communities

Both St. Francis De Sales and St Mary
are communities of the Catholic Diocese
of Wilmington, DE.



St. Francis De Sales
535 Riverside Drive
Salisbury, MD
410-742-6443

St. Mary Refuge of Sinners
1515 Glasgow St.
P. O. Box 218
Cambridge, MD
410-228-4770

Meetings are held:

**Holy Redeemer Catholic
Church
Bi-State Blvd. and
Chestnut St.
Delmar, MD 21875**

**Third Sunday of each
month
3:00 to 5:00 pm**

For information please call:

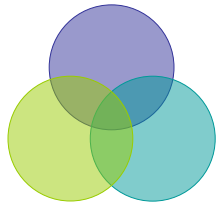
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Always Our Children



A support program for
parents, families and friends
of GLBT Catholics

Sponsored by the Catholic
Communities of **St. Francis De
Sales**, Salisbury, MD and **St. Mary
Refuge of Sinners**, Cambridge, MD



Simply put, the *Always Our Children* program wants parents, families and friends of gay and lesbian people to know that their gay and lesbian children, siblings and friends are loved, their gifts are valued, they are welcome in our communities, and we support them in their daily lives. The program provides a confidential setting in which families and friends of GLBT people support one another by sharing their concerns and experiences in a confidential, Catholic setting. Our program is named after the U.S. Bishops' 1998 pastoral letter Always Our Children and reflects our membership in two families; the family into

which we were born and the family into which we were baptized.

The program's principal activity is a group meeting. Meetings are held at Holy Redeemer Church, Delmar, MD. The priests of both St. Francis and St. Mary may be available to meet with anyone wishing a private meeting or consultation.

While initially our principal audience represents the St. Francis, St. Mary and Salisbury University communities, we welcome others looking for a support program for Catholic families and friends of gay and lesbian persons. We also reach out to secular organizations with Catholics among their clientele or membership.

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How do the meetings work?

Each support group meeting is led by an experienced facilitator. The facilitator aims to make everyone feel at ease and encourages participation.

What do people talk about?

Group members listen to one another tell their stories and share concerns. The meetings encourage participants to explore questions within a Catholic context.

How can I learn more?

**Please call
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Or call either parish.
St. Francis, 410-742-6443
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