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### **Study Measures Parental Attitudes about Homosexual Children**

*Rochester, NY:* Fortunate Families, a nationwide ministry providing resources and support for Catholic parents of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender children, has received a grant from the international fund, Mary's Pence, to publish and distribute its latest findings on parental attitudes.

“We believe our Catholic Parents Voice Project is unique in its attempt to measure and compare how a parent's comfort level with their child's homosexuality can change over time – and the factors that can influence that change,” Lopata said. “We are very grateful to Mary's Pence for their support in making our findings widely available.”

The study is the result of a survey designed to assess which organizations, activities and people are most helpful for parents who want to be supportive of their LBGT children, especially Catholics and others who are less likely to find resources through their faith communities. The survey also explored responders' interest in being a resource for other parents.

The survey results are scheduled to be published in September and distributed nationally to U.S. Catholic bishops, interested parents, and parish and diocesan ministry groups.

Mary's Pence was established in 1987 to fund social justice projects within the Catholic community, especially projects involving women without access to traditional sources of money. Fortunate Families was founded in 2004 by Mary Ellen and Casey Lopata to help Catholic families advocate for respect and justice for their gay and lesbian children. For more information contact Fortunate Families at 585-698-6100 or email: [info@fortunatefamilies.com](mailto:info@fortunatefamilies.com).