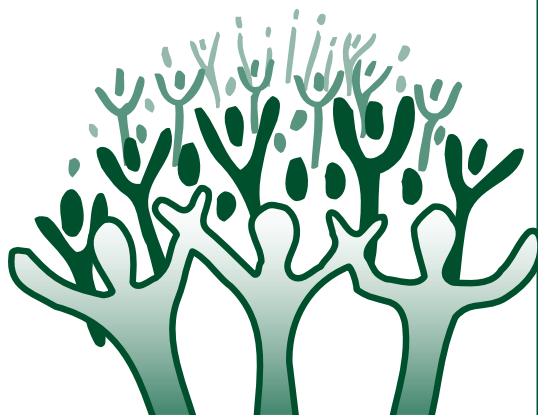


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## **FORTUNATE FAMILIES**

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## FORTUNATE FAMILIES

Fortunate Families ministers primarily with Catholic parents of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) persons. When parents explore and value their stories, they are empowered to share that story with their family circle, their faith community and the larger society.

*“It helps to know others... who go through the same pain. Sharing helps... tremendously.”*

Mother of gay son

## ABOUT US

Founded in 2004, Fortunate Families is a national network of Catholic parents who reach out in support and encourage each other to work for welcome and justice in the Church for our LGBT daughters and sons. Fortunate Families connects people and provides resources and programs to Catholic parents and ministry groups. The Board of Directors comes from across the country and the *Fortunate Families Newsletter* goes to all fifty states.

*In our children,  
“God’s love is revealed”*

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## MISSION

Fortunate Families serves as a resource and networking ministry with Catholic parents of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender children.

We promote and facilitate personal, meaningful, and respectful conversation, especially within our parishes and with our pastors and bishops. We stress the significance of our personal stories as a source of grace within our families and as a witness for justice in our civic and faith communities.

We hold fast to the truth that our children are, in the words of the United States bishops, “child(ren) of God, gifted and called for a purpose in God’s design.”

*“I believe we are chosen to be parents of LGBT children and we have an obligation to help others understand.”*

Mother of gay son

## OFFERINGS

- *Fortunate Families Newsletter*, with relevant news and commentary on LGBT issues as well as stories that promote respect and justice for LGBT family members.
- Extensive resources including the book, *Fortunate Families: Catholic families with lesbian daughters and gay sons*, and the resource manuals, *Seeds of Hope* and *More Seeds*.
- Web site with resources and stories.
- Peer counseling, support and affirmation for family members and those who minister with them.
- Retreats and Days of Reflection for parents of LGBT sons or daughters.
- Presentations and workshops to promote awareness of issues regarding the pastoral care of LGBT persons.

