

# THE SAN ANTONIO ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUP

Come join us!

**At the Pilgrim Center of Hope**  
*A Catholic Evangelization Center for  
the Archdiocese of San Antonio*  
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**WHEN?** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month  
**4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (January through April  
& November/December) (CST)**  
**5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (May thru October) (DST)**

## 2008 meeting dates

January 13	July 13
February 10	August 10
March 9	September 14
April 13	October 12
May 11	November 9
June 8	December 14

### Meetings will offer:

- Prayer and Scripture reading
- Formal and educational time
- Discussion and sharing in confidence  
Hope!

For more information,  
Contact Deacon Tom or Mary Jane Fox at (210) 521-3377  
All calls are confidential.

## ENCOURAGE

*~ Veni, Sancte Spiritus! ~*



**ENCOURAGE** is a ministry within **COURAGE** dedicated to the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, and other relatives and friends of persons who have same-sex attractions.

Standing by the true teachings of the Roman Catholic Church, **ENCOURAGE** members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer, and fellowship.

**Encourage** has four goals that members focus on:

1. To promote a spirit of compassion and acceptance among the members so that they may share with one another their thoughts and experiences and so ensure that no one will have to face the problems of homosexual loved ones along.
2. To foster the practice of service to others, spiritual reading, prayer, meditation, individual spiritual direction, frequent attendance at Mass, and the frequent reception of the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist.
3. To encourage loved ones in the development of chaste friendships.
4. To witness by good example to others who have homosexual loved ones.

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### *Letter to the Bishops of the Catholic Church on the Pastoral Care of Homosexual Persons*

“Christians who are homosexual are called, as all of us are, to a chaste life. As they dedicate their lives to understanding the nature of God’s personal call to them, they will be able to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance more faithfully and receive the Lord’s grace so freely offered there in order to convert their lives more fully to His Way.”

*Most Rev. José Gomez, Archbishop of San Antonio*

“I am happy to support the efforts of our new Courage and Encourage chapters. This spiritual and pastoral outreach affirms the dignity of the human person. Recognizing the image and likeness of God that we bear, we can better appreciate our strengths, gifts, and talents; we can better respond to the challenges of growth and holiness. I look forward to the impact that this ministry will have in the life of our Church.”



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