



CATHOLIC MINISTRY *with* LESBIAN & GAY PERSONS



Illuminating Church Teachings on Homosexuality in the Year of Mercy

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MERCY : (Usual definition) “compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm”.

BETTER DEFINITION:

MERCY (MISERICORDIA):

derived from the Latin word miserere = MISERY, PAIN

And the Medieval Latin word *_cor, cordis*= HEART

To feel another person's pain in your own heart.

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