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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the Diocese of Phoenix and Courage International, we are pleased to announce the third “Truth and Love” conference (Detroit and Rome 2015) offering sound practical and pastoral guidance on the topics of homosexuality and sexual identity. Participants will be clergy, religious and those lay faithful working in ecclesial ministry, as well as medical and mental health professionals. The conference will begin with Mass at 5:00 pm on Monday, January 9, 2017 and will conclude with Mass at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, at St Paul Catholic Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Following the direction of the 1986 Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith’s *On the Pastoral care of Homosexual Persons* and 2006 USCCB’s *Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination: Guidelines for Pastoral Care*, this conference will address norms for pastoral ministry based on Christian anthropology, “the more secure findings of the natural sciences” (CDF, 2), and the testimonies of men and women who have engaged these issues personally.

The conference will feature Archbishop Gomez, Bishop Olmsted, Bishop Byrnes, as well as experts such as:

- Fr. Paul N. Check and Fr. Philip Bochanski, Courage International
- Dr. Janet Smith, Professor of Moral Theology from Sacred Heart Major Seminary
- Dr. Michael Horne, clinical psychologist and Director of Clinical Services for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington
- Dr. Timothy P. Flanigan, Professor of Medicine in Infectious Diseases at The Miriam and Rhode Island Hospitals and Brown Medical School;
- L. Martin Nussbaum, attorney and consultant to the USCCB’s Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty
- Dr. Margaret McCarthy, Assistant Professor of Theological Anthropology at the John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at The Catholic University of America, in Washington, D.C.
- Jason Evert founder, Totus Tuus Press and Chastity Project
- Andrew Comiskey, Living Waters

The “Truth and Love” project endeavors to bring the clarity and charity of Catholic teaching to challenging questions, while never losing sight of individual people. Visit www.TruthandLove.com to register for this conference and to receive updates about this initiative.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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