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Dear friend

Greetings in Christ. On behalf of "Courage Melbourne", I am writing to invite you and members of your community to two presentations on the topic of Homosexuality given by two excellent speakers in **Fr. John Harvey, O.S.F.S.** and **Mr. Peter Rudegeair** at 7.00pm on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2003 at the Knox Room, Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

The first talk by Mr. Rudegeair is on "**The Catholic Psychologist and the Integration of Pastoral Care with Church Teaching.**" The talk will last about 75 minutes. Mr. Peter Rudegeair, a Catholic Psychologist, is a member of the American Catholic Medical Association (AMCA). He was a contributor to the ACMA's statement on "Homosexuality and Hope".

There will be a short break before Fr. Harvey's talk

The second talk by Fr. Harvey is on the "**The Scriptural and Moral Foundations of the Church's Teachings on Homosexuality.**" This talk will also last for approximately 75 minutes.

Fr. Harvey, with the encouragement of the late Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York, founded Courage. Since 1980 Courage has offered a programme for Catholics who experience "Same Sex Attraction", affirm the Church's teaching on the immorality of homosexual acts and wish to develop the virtue of Chastity. Courage is present in 60 American dioceses and is active in Canada, England, Ireland, the Philippines, Poland, New Zealand and Australia.

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The following notice may be useful for your newsletter etc.

***Courage Melbourne:*** Members of your Community are invited to attend an evening with two excellent speakers on the topic of Homosexuality, Fr. John Harvey O.S.F.S., founder of "Courage" and Mr. Peter Rudegeair, an American Catholic Psychologist at the Knox Room, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm. Dr. Rudegeair will speak on **The Catholic Psychologist and the Integration of Pastoral Care with Church Teaching,** and Fr. Harvey will speak on "**The Scriptural and Moral Foundations of the Church's Teachings on Homosexuality.**" This is an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Church's position on homosexuality and the particular struggle that people with same-sex attraction undergo with their sexuality.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Denis Ward OFM Cap  
(Chaplain to the Melbourne Courage Group)