



Center for
LGBTQ & GENDER STUDIES
in Religion **25** YEARS

CLGS News and Updates | May 2026



TRANS SEMINARIAN LEADERSHIP COHORT

Lead with Love

We are accepting online applications for our
2026-2027 Trans Seminarian Leadership Cohort!



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At the Heart of the Church: Lessons from Transgender Catholics

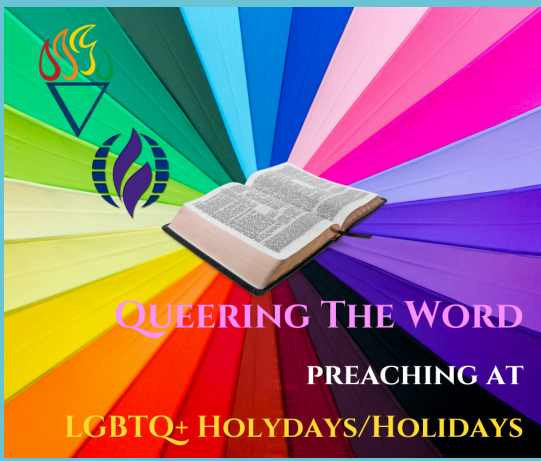
The CLGS Catholic Roundtable

A CLGS Lavender Lunch

Join us for this online *CLGS Lavender Lunch*, which will bring together **Trans Catholic leaders** whose lives, faith, and courage are at the heart of the Church and are already shaping its future. Rather than rehearsing old debates, we look ahead toward communities where **Trans bodies are honored and help shape a Catholic tradition** informed by their grace-filled lives.

ONLINE Wednesday, 6 May 2026 at 1pm (Pacific)

[Click here to join this Lavender Lunch via Zoom!](#)

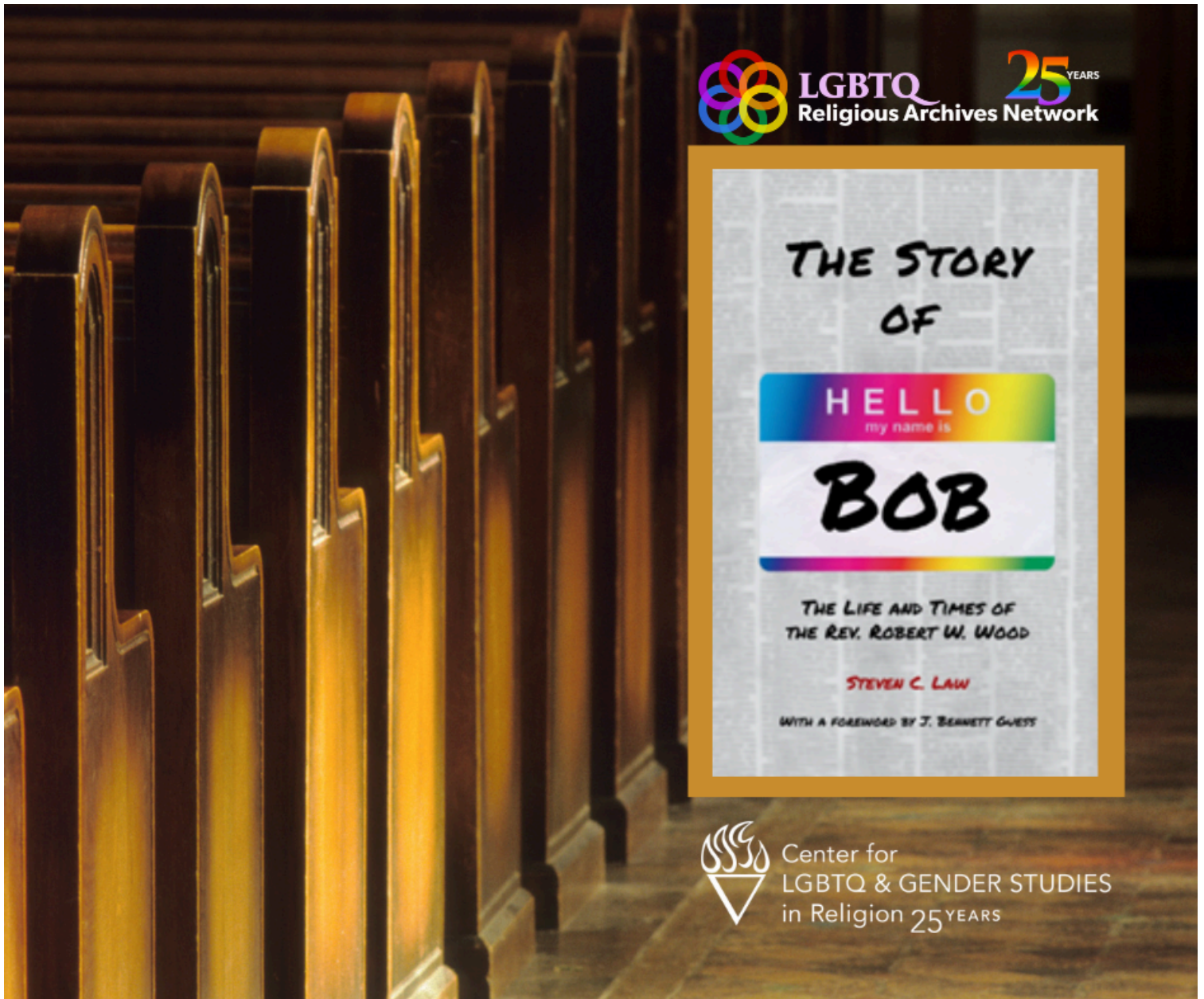


Preaching at LGBTQ Holydays & Holidays A CLGS and MCC Queering the Word Workshop

In our fourth *Queering the Word* workshop of 2025-2026, we delve into the richness of LGBTQ+ history, culture, and spirituality to discover themes and narratives that can enrich our understanding of Queer Holydays/Holidays.

ONLINE Wednesday, 20 May 2026 @ 1pm (Pacific Time)

Click [HERE](#) to join this online CLGS Event via Zoom!



The Story of Bob: The Life and Times of Rev. Robert W. Wood

At this LGBTQ-RAN and CLGS online event, CLGS Executive Director **Bernie Schlager** will interview author **Steven Law** on his recently published book *The Story of Bob: The Life & Times of Robert W. Wood* (Pilgrim Press, 2026). Wood was an early advocate for gay and lesbian inclusion in the church.

Thursday, 14 May 2026 at 5pm (Pacific Time)

Click [HERE](#) to join this online CLGS Event via Zoom!



**MELANIN:
The Good...
The Bad...
and The Sacred**



Bishop Tonyia Rawls
The CLGS 2026 Boswell Lecture

Bishop Tonyia Rawls: "MELANIN: The Good... The Bad... and the Sacred"

We invite you to view a video recording of this, our 19th Annual | 2026 CLGS John E. Boswell Lecture!

Click [HERE](#) to join this CLGS Lavender Lunch via Zoom!





This Month In Queer Religious History

MAY: JOAN OF ARC

During our 2025-2026 Anniversary Year, each month we are honoring one person, community, and/or event of significance in LGBTQ+ religious history.

This month, we celebrate **Joan of Arc**

Read more [HERE!](#)

Check Out These CLGS Resources!



A CLGS Micro Certificate in Catholic LGBTQ+ Ministry

Taught by Pacific School of Religion Professor **Ish Ruíz, PhD**, in **June 2026**, this **online CLGS Micro Certificate** provides a comprehensive and accessible introduction to Catholic LGBTQ+ ministry by weaving together Scripture, Tradition, theology, ethics, and pastoral practice.

[Click HERE for more information!](#)



52 Ways to Welcome!

Each week during our Anniversary Year of 2025-2026, we are sharing ideas on how your faith community can become **more welcoming to – and inclusive of – LGBTQ+ People and Our Families.**

Join us and expand YOUR welcome!

[Click HERE for our 52 Ways](#)

2025-2026 is our 25th Anniversary Year!



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