

DRACHMA in collaboration with CARMELITE PRIORY MDINA

various speakers in  
«gender, sexuality,  
& spirituality»  
series

mondays  
18:30 - 20:30  
registration needed  
may 19th - July 21st 2014



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In the 'recent' past years, a number of changes occurred in society's understanding of the social and anthropological spheres in relation to sexuality, sexual orientation and gender. Some members of society suggest that the so called sexual/gender revolution is coming to an end. Others feel that the aforesaid revolution is still unfolding.

In an attempt to live up to the principle of freedom, some activists and academics claim and celebrate the diversity within a whole spectrum of human gender types and/or sexual orientations. Can the Christian understanding of the human person enter into a fruitful spiritual dialogue with this rapid and profound transformation of models of feminine and masculine identity and the relation between the sexes? Apparently from an experiential history of Christian theology and spirituality a relationship is possible.

This series attempts to respond to this call by delving into the existing insights on gender as presented by the past and present spiritual experience of mystics and spiritual writers. Participants should be aware that this Series will not pretend to offer ready-made answers to particular concerns and challenges but simply to offer a healthy space for reflection which draws from Christian 'tradition.'

### **Programme**

- 19 May - *Gender Spirituality* - Rev. Dr. Charlo Camilleri
- 26 May - *St Aelred of Rivaulx* - Tyrone Grima
- 02 June - *John McNeal* – Christopher Bezzina
- 9 June - *Parents' perspective* - Joseanne Peregine
- 16 June - *Jeanine Gramick* - Rev. Dr. Rene Camilleri
- 23 June - *Women's Space* - Dr. Marcelline Naudi
- 30 June - *Margaret Farley* - Rev. Dr. Paul Pace SJ
- 07 July - *Henri Nouwen* - Clayton Mercieca
- 14 July - *Rene Girard and James Alison* - Mario Gerada
- 21 July - *Bible figures and Saints who transgender* - Chris Vella