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**Catholic Medical Association Releases Updated Edition of
Homosexuality & Hope Pamphlet**

DATELINE November 7, 2008 – The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) has released an updated edition of its popular pamphlet, *Homosexuality & Hope: Questions and Answers About Same-Sex Attraction*. The pamphlet provides clear, sensitive, and updated advice to persons and families who are dealing with same-sex attraction.

Homosexuality & Hope was first printed in 1999 in booklet form. Later, in 2003, a shorter pamphlet, focused on responding to the most frequently asked questions about same-sex attraction, was published. The 2008 edition of *Homosexuality & Hope* features a new design and layout, updated citations reflecting new research on same-sex attraction, and a new question on recent attempts to apply the title “marriage” to same-sex relationships.

Richard P. Fitzgibbons, M.D., an expert on same-sex attraction and gender identity disorder, and a lead author of *Homosexuality & Hope*, stated: “I am encouraged to see this new pamphlet published.” I hear from many people inside and outside my practice who are looking for reliable information presented in a sensitive manner. *Homosexuality & Hope* provides helpful information and resources that accurately reflect the truths of scientific research and of the Catholic faith.” CMA president, Kathleen M. Raviele, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., explained, “The Catholic Medical Association exists to help physicians apply the principles of the Catholic faith in the science and practice of medicine.” Publishing this new edition of *Homosexuality & Hope* is a service to the medical profession, the Church and society, particularly persons and families struggling with this very difficult issue.”

Homosexuality & Hope: Questions and Answers About Same-Sex Attraction, can be purchased from the CMA’s website at www.cathmed.org/bookstore. Volume discounts are available.

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