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Do you feel called to do more for our youth? Here are some other ways you can make a difference:

- Pledge to have a conversation about LGBT justice issues with a family member, colleague, neighbor, member of your parish or faith community, or with a public official (<http://www.glaad.org/talkingabout>)
- Volunteer for an LGBT organization, maybe one that works with LGBT or questioning youth.
- Help create a safe space or anti-bullying policy to support LGBT youth in your local school or faith community.
- If you know a Knight of Columbus, ask them if they know how their money is being spent on anti-gay campaigns.
- Help pass the Safe Schools Improvement Act (<http://www.hrc.org/issues/12142.htm>)
- Adopt a bishop this season and make a contribution in his name to an LGBT rights organization and then send a letter to the bishop letting him know of your gift (<http://www.cta-usa.org/justchurch/bishopslist/>)

To stay connected, order ribbons or learn more, visit [www.thetrevorproject.org](http://www.thetrevorproject.org) or our websites at [www.cta-usa.org](http://www.cta-usa.org), [www.dignityusa.org](http://www.dignityusa.org), [www.fortunatefamilies.org](http://www.fortunatefamilies.org) and [www.newwaysministry.org](http://www.newwaysministry.org)

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