



1974 GAY PRIDE PARADE ON HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD

'What Gay Pride Means to Me'

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I suppose many persons would say that "gay pride" is the quality of taking satisfaction or pleasure in one's gayness. Others might define the term as "having a sense of self-respect or dignity." I think that most of us would agree that "gay pride" should not be based upon pretense, vanity or arrogance. Because "gay pride" probably holds a different meaning to each of us, it would be presumptuous of me to define the term for anyone but myself.

I feel that "gay pride" is a stage of development toward a more desirable goal of "gay humility." Humility is truth and truth should be our individual as well as our common goal. I know that we shall succeed in attaining full civil rights as gay people because we have truth on our side!



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