

Dear Men,

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I am delighted to tell you that the month of November marked the introduction of **The King's Men** (TKM) apostolate on the international stage through the global television network of EWTN! This and all of the amazing opportunities provided through the mission of TKM the last 2+ years could not have been possible without the prayers and financial support of people like you. Once again, I hope you enjoy reading about the fruits of your investment in our work.

As I stated in last month's update, my co-founder Damian Wargo and I found ourselves working 3,000 miles away in California on the feast of All Saints (11/1). TKM were the featured headliners for a men's conference entitled "The Quest for Masculine Spirituality" at St. Victor's parish in West Hollywood. This morning conference drew over 100 men, most of which were aspiring Catholic actors and athletes. Thanks to the hard work of TKM benefactors Rob Eleuteri and Father Willy Raymond, National Director of Family Theater Productions, TKM was able to engage the culture of Hollywood at a time when they were so desperately in need. As you know, this weekend was right before the Presidential election which also featured an important vote on Proposition 8 in the state of CA. Believing that there are no coincidences with God, it came as no surprise that we would be serving as a mouthpiece in defense of marriage at such a pivotal time. We also found ourselves serving the community in a very typical King's Men role by protesting a sexually oriented business (SOB) called "The Body Shop" located directly on Sunset Boulevard. This outreach was a natural springboard from the men's conference. Damian summoned the men in his talk to join us in our No More Porn Tour and praise God, about 15 men responded to the call! Our time in CA, also enabled us the ability to speak at a retreat sponsored by Catholic Athletes for Christ. On this retreat, were various professional athletes including World Series Champion Jeff Suppan and All Star catcher Mike Sweeney. Damian had an opportunity to remain in CA for almost a week as he was invited to speak at Family Theater Productions weekly Prayer and Pasta of which I am told he received a standing ovation.

On Thursday 11/6, I had the unique privilege of being invited to the John Paul II Cultural Center in Washington, D.C. to address two audiences on the issue of pornography. This program was sponsored by Chastity Programs International and I was humbled to be speaking on the heels of Professor Janet Smith who was addressing *Humanae Vitae*.

On Saturday, 11/8, TKM sponsored our 6th conference for men at Neumann College. The title of our conference was "Leaving a Legacy" and featured dynamic speakers Chris Godfrey, Danny Abramowicz and yours truly. We were also blessed to have his Excellency, Bishop Joseph McFadden celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Damian did a great job keeping things on schedule as the master of ceremonies. The total attendance for the event was just over 100 men. To date, this was our largest gathering among our six men's conferences.

In closing, I would like to tell you more about our LIVE appearance on EWTN's "Life on the Rock" in Birmingham, AL. Damian and I were blessed to be guests on this weekly program that transmits to an estimated 150 million homes throughout the world. It took me literally two weeks to dig out from all of the positive emails from the many inspired men and women throughout the United States, Canada, and even Australia. This exciting opportunity indeed put TKM on the map and hopefully will enable us to maintain our growth and expand our outreach. Stay tuned to these updates as we will be posting some of the program on YouTube.

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