

Dear Men,

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Happy Advent! As you know the season of Advent is a season of anticipation and preparation for the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As I write this update, The King's Men, Inc. (TKM) is greatly anticipating the end of a very successful campaign towards building and uniting men as true leaders, protectors and providers in 2009. TKM is in the process of forming a strategy to meet our goals for 2010. These final year end preparations are vital to our ability to successfully meet our program goals in 2010. I ask you to join my co-founder Damian Wargo and me in prayer for our year end efforts. That being said, here's what TKM was able to accomplish this past month of November.

If you recall from last month's update letter, TKM began November with a No More Porn Tour in Indianapolis, IN. Damian and I were blessed to be able to be with Vince DeStefano in launching a TKM chapter at Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Carmel, IN. I am happy to tell you that the group is thriving and planning to continue with the activism work. For more information about TKM's formation groups and activism please log onto www.thekingsmen.org

On Friday November 6th, Damian flew out to Alhambra, CA for a presentation at "Source and Summit" on 11/7. This is the second time that TKM has traveled to CA to share our mission. Damian delivered a talk entitled "The Way of a King's Man." Reports from the young adult audience have been very positive. Damian also used this opportunity on the West coast as a time to explore the possibility of TKM bringing our flagship program "Into the Wild" to the area. Damian believes that CA would offer men a great experience and that TKM should explore this in the future. Our preliminary talks and plans look to 2011 for a West coast outreach. For more information about TKM's retreats log onto www.intothewildweekend.com.

On Sunday November 15th, TKM was invited to address a young adult group in Queens, NY. After a 2 hour experience in downtown Manhattan, I finally arrived at the Church where I was scheduled to deliver a talk entitled "Chivalry: The Forgotten Art." Satan's attempts to foil this effort failed as usual and the talk was delivered to about 90 men and women. Once again, the feedback has been very good and serves to continually confirm and affirm the work of TKM.

On Thursday November 19th, TKM met to educate and train four men from St. Martin of Tours parish in Philadelphia. These men represent the core team for TKM's first inroads in the great Northeast! Thanks to Monsignor Deliman's initiative, a weekly men's formation and accountability program will begin on Wednesday December 2nd. Please keep these men and this parish in your prayers as they attempt to address the current crisis in masculinity.

Finally, on Sunday November 22nd TKM was blessed to be a part of the Pro-Life Union of Southeastern PA's annual "Stand Up for Life" dinner. This year we were blessed to hear pro-life activist Lila Rose give the keynote address. Justin Cardinal Rigali was also present for the event. His Eminence's presence was especially timely as he publicly supported the work of TKM in the Philadelphia Catholic Standard & Times on 11/19. If you would like to read his article then I encourage you to Google "The Plague of Pornography" by Cardinal Rigali.

May God bless you and your family this Advent Season!

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