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Dear Men,

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Rejoice for He has risen! The King's Men (TKM) apostolate has much to be thankful for as this past month of April brought with it some major milestones and some interesting media opportunities. I hope you enjoy reading this update as much as we enjoyed doing the activities contained in it!

The month of April began with our No More Porn Tour (NMPT) on April Fools Day! TKM was not fooling anyone about our stance against pornography in front of Adult World in Montgomeryville, PA on this day. This protest marked our 84th anti-pornography demonstration in the last four years. In this process, we have seen the closing of three sexually oriented businesses (SOBs), we have witnessed countless number of men and women be edified and encouraged by our presence, hundreds of men and women who have received literature explaining the damaging effects of pornography and how they can seek help for an addiction, and observed the immediate impact of our presence on the potential patrons of each SOB. For more information about the NMPT please log onto www.thekingsmen.org.

On Tuesday April 7th, I teamed up once again with international chastity educator and pro-life pioneer Molly Kelly to deliver three talks to students at two elementary schools in Erie, PA and Ursuline Academy High School in Ohio. In all, approximately 400 students were reached with the life saving message of chastity. This invitation was the first of two invitations to western PA. Molly and I will be traveling back to Erie during the second week in May. Please pray for us and all the students and parents whom we will be speaking.

On Holy Saturday April 11th, I was blessed with the opportunity to be a guest on Radnor Township's local television program called "Counterpoint." This local show hosted by Dottie Ireton was a great opportunity to promote TKM and expose the lies of the multi-billion dollar porn industry. For those who live in the Radnor area, please turn on your local cable channel as the show will air during the month of May. Also on Tuesday April 14th, co-founder Damian Wargo and I had an opportunity to be guests on another local show produced by the Berks Community Television station in Reading, PA. Look for this particular program on our website in the not too near future.

On Wednesday April 15th, Damian traveled to Poland for the wedding of long-time TKM supporter and friend Mariusz Hodyr. Mariusz married his beautiful bride Lidia on Saturday April 18th. Congratulations Mariusz on your marriage and may God bless you and Lidia with many years of happiness! Speaking of happiness, Saturday April 25th marked my one year wedding anniversary to my beautiful wife Ryan-Marie. I have learned a lot about masculinity in this past year. In just twelve months I have assumed the roles of both husband and father—what an amazing gift it has been!

Finally, the TKM handbook entitled *The Way of The King's Men: A 'How To' Guide for Building Effective Catholic Men's Groups* has finally gone to the printing press and should be available as soon as mid-May. To order your copy please send emails to mark@thekingsmen.org or call 267-980-5507. The book will also be available for order at www.amazon.com.

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