

Dear Men,

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September marks the end of the summer and the dawn of the beautiful season of autumn, but for **The King's Men** (TKM) apostolate it was a month that brought an allotment of new beginnings. Once again, if you have been following our work, you know that my co-founder Damian Wargo officially began his full-time career with TKM. After teaching in the Pennsylvania public and Catholic school system for 10 years, Damian transitioned to a life in full-time ministry with no hitches. In his words, the career switch has been "very freeing." Indeed it is and I am so blessed to be working alongside him each and every day. Together, we are confident that the work of TKM will spread to the masses and effect a dramatic change in our culture and Church. This past month has already demonstrated the positive effects of our first September working full-time together. It is my sincere hope that you will feel a part of the exciting happenings surrounding the work of TKM through these updates.

On Friday 9/5, TKM rallied our network for our largest "No More Porn Tour" to date. Forty men and women united in prayerful solidarity against the sexually oriented business "Coyotes" in Milford Township. These peaceful protests are proving to be very effective as the peddlers of the multi-billion dollar pornography industry are noticeably becoming agitated and scrambling to curtail our first amendment rights in whatever way imaginable. All thanks be given to God, the truth and our voices are being heard. As I write, I am reminded of St. Peter & St. John's words before the Sanhedrin: "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight for us to obey you rather than God. Surely, we cannot help speaking of what we have heard and seen" (Acts 4:19-20). It is my promise that we will not cease in speaking about the harms of porn.

On Wednesday 9/10, TKM re-launched our St. Maria Goretti men's accountability and formation group with 5 new men heeding the call. After a brief summer break, this group seems primed to continue the good work that began two years ago (Philippians 1:6).

TKM's advisory board met on Monday 9/15 at our new headquarters! As of 10/1, the headquarters of TKM will be 88 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Oreland, PA 19075. We were so blessed to have our offices in Quakertown these past two years, but with our staff and supplies increasing we just could no longer remain in such a small office. Our new office has more than quadrupled our office space. This move also marks a reunion of sorts with the Pro-Life Union of Southeastern PA (my former employer).

On Sunday 9/22, Damian and I traveled to Columbia, South Carolina for Cardinal Newman High School's senior retreat. TKM was invited to speak to the senior boys about authentic masculinity, specifically how they as young men can more properly live out their roles as leaders, protectors and providers in their high school setting. The feedback was very good from the staff and students on the retreat. We also had the opportunity (post-retreat) to address the remainder of the school (7-11th grade) in two assembly type formats. Once again, the response was very edifying to Damian and me.

On Friday 9/26, Damian traveled to eastern NJ to share TKM's mission and inspire the young adult faith group called "Spirit and Truth." TKM also had another opportunity to share with a group of young adults in Allentown, PA at their local faith sharing gathering entitled "Brew 'N' Believers" on 9/16. As always, TKM thanks you for all your prayers and support!

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Co-Founder/President