

Dear Men,

September 1, 2008

The month of August is always a great time for **The King's Men** (TKM) apostolate! As most of you know, on August 28, 2006, TKM was officially launched as a full-time lay men's apostolate at the service of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and beyond. I am writing this update letter on the heels of our two year anniversary celebration which united over 130 of TKM's supporters throughout the tri-state area. Since August '06, TKM has outreached to thousands of men and women with the message of authentic masculinity. TKM has taken our mission of building men in the mold of leader, protector and provider to 20 states and through our website and podcasting capabilities, we have traveled literally all across the globe.

The first Wednesday of the month (8/6) brought TKM once again to Adult World in Montgomeryville, PA for our monthly No More Porn Tour from 4-8 PM. The management of Adult World has taken many measures to counter our protests by upgrading the outside appearance to this sexually oriented business (SOB). The SOB management has put in new windows, applied some new stucco, resurfaced their parking area, planted trees and did some minor landscaping. But really can you fool the community into thinking that pornography can be attractive? Don't think for one instant that our protests are not having an impact. As Adult World's management has said before, "[TKM] costs us hundreds to thousands of dollars." Please help us in continuing to apply the pressure on this SOB in our community. For more information about the No More Porn Tour and other protests please go to www.thekingsmen.org.

Co-Founder Damian Wargo continued to do a great job hosting TKM's radio program on the 2nd and 4th Fridays during the summer. Damian's guests in August were TKM friend and mentor Father Paul Dressler, O.F.M. Cap. (8/8) and Catholic therapist Peter Kleponis (8/22). If you would like to hear these programs or listen to any of our other archived programs then I invite you to visit our website and click on our "podcast" link.

As I said, August marked the conclusion of our 2nd year of outreach to men. To celebrate this accomplishment, TKM organized a day of prayer, barbecue, pro-life outreach and Phillies baseball on Saturday August 23rd. Damian and our summer intern Melissa Ehrenzellar planned a terrific day for all of our benefactors and supporters. We began our day at 11:30 AM with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Stella Maris Parish in South Philadelphia. Much thanks to Fr. Peter DiMaria (pastor at Stella Maris and Advisory Board Member of TKM) and Fr. Christopher Rogers for enabling us to have an Anniversary Mass and use of the facilities for our barbecue. In his homily, Father Rogers confirmed the work of TKM and how vital it is in our Church today for men to move toward masculine maturity. Following our tailgating in the parking lot at Stella Maris, over 120 men and women proceeded to Citizens Bank Ballpark for the Phillies/Dodgers game. On route to the game, TKM supporters leafleted the stadium parking lots with pro-life literature in advance of the upcoming election.

Finally, on August 28-30th, TKM participated in the Courage Sports Camp in Princeton, NJ. I had the privilege, along with TKM Board Member Brian McCarthy, to coach and mentor over 40 men who are striving to live holy lives while growing in authentic masculinity. This opportunity enabled TKM to reach men from 12 states and one man from the United Kingdom.

Once again, TKM thanks you for all your prayers and continued support!

Mark J. Houck
Co-Founder/President