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## Updates

Dear Men,

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Our first official effort to build up and unite men in the mold of leader, protector and provider through education was our conference entitled “The Quest for Masculine Spirituality”. The event was scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Malvern Retreat House in Malvern, PA. Praise and thanks be to God! We had 86 “God men” from seven different states, including Missouri and Texas, join us for this one day men’s conference. If you missed this one, stay tuned, we will be planning these quarterly.

I would also like to inform you of our existing efforts to put a stop to pornography in PA. *The King’s Men* are activists and we have for the past year been standing outside of pornographic video stores and strip clubs every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month in an effort to invite men to embrace chastity, respect women and encourage the women to consider other career options for their lives. We have engaged many men in conversation and offered them brochures to help along the road to recovery from their pornography addiction. We have also dialogued with many women who work in these establishments. The affirming glances and smiles of appreciation are enough to keep us coming back.

*The King’s Men* are proud to report that the REAL MEN accountability and formation groups are growing. For the past two years, the REAL MEN meetings have been taking place every Thursday from 7:15 - 9 PM at the Generation Life office in Oreland, PA with the second Thursday of the month meeting at the rectory of St. Catherine of Siena in Horsham, PA. For the past three months, a center city Philadelphia group has been meeting every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in the rectory of St. John the Evangelist from 10 AM – 11:45 AM. There are also tentative plans for a third REAL MEN group to be established in the fall of 2006, possibly at Malvern or Bucks County. Visit [www.therealmen.org](http://www.therealmen.org) for details.

*The King’s Men* may become a regular fixture at future Men of Malvern retreats in the fall of 2006 or winter 2007. Damian Wargo and I recently delivered a talk entitled “Men: The Backbone of the Church” to men on retreat Saturday June 24, 2006. The men were very excited about the new workshop and confirmed to both me and Damian that this lay men’s apostolate must continue in becoming a full time ministry.

Finally, I am happy to report that *The King’s Men* are taking the ministry to Catholic radio. The lay men’s apostolate will be featured on Holy Spirit Radio 1570 AM every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month. I will be hosting a guest and Q&A type program from 4:00 – 5:00 PM starting on July 14<sup>th</sup>. The show will re-air the following Sundays at 2:00 PM. Please tune in and listen to the program. If you cannot get the program in your area then you can listen on the internet at [www.holyspiritradio.org](http://www.holyspiritradio.org). The number for the station if you would like to call in is 215-345-1570.

Gratefully Yours,

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