

Dear Men,

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The season of spring is finally here! Just as this beautiful season brings to life all that has died in winter so does our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ continually do for us through his life, death and resurrection. There is much to share and celebrate in this update letter as April was a busy month for *The King's Men* (TKM) apostolate.

TKM began the month as usual with our No More Porn Tour. On April 4th, TKM took once again to the streets of Philadelphia to protest the multi-billion dollar pornography industry. This time, Co-Founder Damian Wargo and I found ourselves at 22nd and Market Streets. This primary route into the city features two sexually oriented businesses: a pornographic movie theater and a strip club. We were three strong this day, but despite our low numbers, we handed out hundreds of anti-pornography literature to the many pedestrians passing by. For more information about the tour and its upcoming stops, please log onto our website at www.thekingsmen.us.

On April 20th, TKM was invited to participate in the junior retreat at Monsignor Bonner High School in Upper Darby, PA. I was privileged to speak to 200 young men about authentic masculinity and how TKM is helping men in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to grow in virtue by coming together in small groups and by taking their faith to action. I presented to these future leaders, protectors and providers the dangers of pornography and how a man can overcome this common trap. It was fertile ground and I ask you to join me in praying for these young men and their future vocations.

Tuesday April 24th was a very special day for TKM as the apostolate celebrated our beloved patron Augustine's feast day. The 24th marked the anniversary of his conversion. On this date 1,620 years ago, St. Augustine was baptized into the Catholic faith. In honor of this day, TKM offered to men our first ever evening of reflection. Twenty-three men joined us for this evening which began with Benediction and praying of the Holy Rosary. Father Michael DiGregorio, OSA, rector and pastor at St. Rita's in South Philly, gave a beautiful and insightful presentation on the life of Augustine. The program culminated with popular Catholic radio host and TKM member Patrick McCabe's powerful witness story in the Friary of St. Rita's. TKM hopes to continue to offer men events like this in the future. Please pray for us and this intention.

TKM traveled to Chicago, IL on the weekend of April 27-29th. Damian and I were invited to give two presentations at the National Catholic Singles Conference. This exciting weekend proved to be a great investment for TKM as close to 500 Catholic lay men and women were exposed to our work and efforts in uniting and building the men of God's Church. I am proud to tell you that TKM presented a check in the amount of \$175 to a woman from Atlanta who has recently left the stripping business and is in need of financial support. Thanks to the generous men who gathered at the evening of reflection at St. Rita's and you, TKM was able to offer help to our courageous sister in need.

Gratefully Yours,

Mark Houck
Co-Founder/President