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Dear Men,

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Hard to believe the summer is quickly coming to an end and the new school year is about to kickoff. It's funny how school openings coincide with an increase of the ministerial outreach for *The King's Men* (TKM). Despite the summer downturn with ministering opportunities, TKM made good use of the downtime with our planning of our next Into the Wild Weekend in September, however there is still much to update you on from this past month of August.

On Wednesday August 5th, TKM resumed our monthly No More Porn Tour post at Adult World in Montgomeryville, PA. We had a terrific turnout of men (17)! Our presence clearly had an impact as the parking lot emptied out and patrons were sparse for the four hour witness to the harms of pornography on the human person, his family and community. TKM also rallied the troops for another protest on Tuesday August 11th. This time, TKM came together to not only continue our protest of Adult World, but also for video footage of upcoming documentary that we are cooperating with on the issue of pornography.

On Friday August 14th, TKM joined forces with approximately 20 men and women of goodwill in Roslyn, PA to protest another sexually oriented business called Excitement Video. On this day, Co-Founder Damian Wargo and I were please to be united with many high school and college aged men along with pro-life warriors John and Patrick Stanton.

On Saturday August 22nd, TKM was blessed to be invited as speakers for the second of two marriage prep retreats at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. You might recall on June 12th, Damian conducted a men's workshop for 22 men. On this particular retreat, I was honored to address 23 men on the issue of authentic masculinity and how we as men can best prepare to be a sincere gift to our spouse on our wedding day and in our future marriage.

The month of August is always a great month for Catholic saints especially masculine saints. On Friday August 14th and 28th, I was privileged to be able to host our Catholic radio program on SS Maximilian Kolbe and Augustine. If you would like to listen to these programs and any of our previous programs they are always archived on our website www.thekingsmen.org.

Finally, on Friday August 28th, TKM celebrated our third year of apostolic work. The celebration began with Mass at 4:00 PM at Stella Maris parish in South Philadelphia. Former board member, Father Peter DiMaria, opened his beautiful church to 200 of our closest friends and benefactors and celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in honor of our beloved patron Saint Augustine. After Mass and despite the torrential downpour of rain, TKM had a great tailgate in the auditorium of the church. By the time we concluded our tailgate party, the skies had opened up long enough for TKM and friends to walk a ¼ mile to Citizens Bank Ballpark to watch our World Champion Philadelphia Phillies take down the Atlanta Braves 4-2.

Once again, *The Way of The King's Men: A 'How To' Guide for Building Effective Catholic Men's Groups* continues to sell through our website www.kingsmenhandbook.com and on Amazon if you would like to purchase a copy for you or your men's group.

Your brother in Christ,

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