

Dear Men,

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My co-founder Damian Wargo and I are blessed to be doing full-time men's outreach and we could not continue to do this great work without your continued support. As always, I hope you enjoy reading these updates.

The month of March was a very productive month of outreach for The King's Men (TKM) apostolate. Once again, our monthly activism (No More Porn Tour) took us back to Adult World in Montgomeryville, PA on Wednesday March 4th. This ongoing witness to the harms of the multi-billion dollar porn industry is drawing more and more younger people to these protests. Damian (35) and I (34) were the two of the older protesters among the dozen or so present for this witness from 2:30-6:30 PM. Like the pro-life movement, the anti-pornography effort is attracting young people because it speaks to the heart of what they know to be true. Many young people have seen the destruction that pornography causes and they are choosing something better for themselves. This generation of young people has seen the benefit of rallying behind a common goal through events like the March for Life in Washington, DC. Hopefully they will continue to become more and more active in the circle of public opinion. God knows our culture needs them!

On Wednesday March 11th, Damian and I were once again in Keyport, NJ for my ongoing battle following my arrest during a protest of a sexually oriented business called Fantasies on December 21, 2007. Yes, it has been 14 months and we are still fighting at the municipal level the lawfulness of my arrest and subsequent charges. Thankfully, I am in the best of hands with my attorney Demetrios Stratis. I write this in all humility to ask for your prayers as it appears that justice will continue to be compromised in these proceedings. My next scheduled court date is May 27th. If any of you would like to come in support of me and the work of TKM please feel free to contact me for more details at mark@thekingsmen.org.

On Thursday March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Damian and TKM friend Father Stephen DeLacey organized an evening of reflection at St. Anastasia parish in Newtown Square, PA. Over hundred men and women attended this night in honor of the husband of Mary. I was blessed to be able to share in this special evening by giving a brief witness of what St. Joseph has meant in my life. Father DeLacey delivered a very informative catechesis on St. Joseph and Damian kept things moving as the Master of Ceremonies.

On Saturday March 21st, Damian and I packed up our vehicles and headed in opposite directions. Damian was invited to address about 300 men and women at the Family Life Conference at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, NY while I was invited to address about 275 men at the Baltimore Men's Conference at Towson Catholic High School in Baltimore, MD. Both events were great opportunities for TKM and a clear sign that our message is having a great impact beyond the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

On Wednesday March 25th, I traveled again to Baltimore to speak to a group of students at the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus (UMBC). This talk was a springboard from a talk I delivered at the JPII Cultural Center in Washington, DC in the fall of 2008. Finally, on Thursday March 26th, I was blessed to address the entire male student body at Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor, PA on the issue of chastity and the harms of pornography.

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