

Testimonials from ITW #2

- Anonymous “I was truly inspired and felt God speak to me about being a leader and advocate for morality and holiness. Thank you!!”
- Shawn G. “I wanted better tools to do my job at first and it wouldn’t have been much better if I did, the Lord wants us to use the simple tools he provides us in all phases of our walk.”
- Keith B. “The best retreat/religious camp experience ever in my years”
“I’m a King’s Man now, a gap I’ve had is finally filled.”
- Steve L. “Came without expectations- it will take a lifetime to process all I felt and learned- about both myself and you all.”
- Anonymous “I was able to share my struggles with a number of my brothers in Christ and I can feel the healing process is underway. These men here are true men of God and are all great inspirations to me, a broken man.”
- Kevin “Most meaningful to me: an immediate submersion out of my ‘comfort zone’ and into deep self-analysis.”
- Jim H. “Powerful and a great forum that allowed men to share their vulnerability & invite the Lord (& love of each other) into that void. Healing/shifting time earlier would follow rest/sleep.”

For me, the weekend was a blessing because you entrusted to me a heavy dose of responsibility and I felt validated. It was not about performance, but rather validation of my masculinity. One thing that stands out: Even when I fell short, no man questioned me or criticized (there was no need to since I was well aware of my shortcomings). Rather, the team covered me with love and picked up my slack. There was definitely a healing of wounds that were aimed at the King stage of my masculine journey. I was a King surrounded by other Kings, all acting like servants, a taste of the Kingdom of God. Thanks for the opportunity to serve!

-Bill

You two are leaders among men! Congrats again on another extraordinary event – not a single man left the woods unimproved by the Spirit, I’m certain. My next greatest desire in the scope of doing God’s work is to stand in public protest with the two of you in November amidst a significant pack of fellow Catholic Men determined to embrace LPP roles.

Inspired. Edified. Transformed. Peaceful. Liberated. These words are nothing. How does a man justifiably describe the effects of the Trinity and Blessed Virgin consuming his soul? The fire burns on. I love you both, brothers. God Bless!

-Vince

My prayers were answered this weekend as I prayed for your retreat and the men. I now know the rain was God's plan even though I prayed it would stop. My husband and boys had a wonderful time being around men and their father. So many of you affirmed my husband as a dad and that meant the world to him. Jim is a great husband and father to his kids. This was a great opportunity for them to be together in the wild, with men, doing sports and spending time with the Lord. My husband came home to find that he had to repair a leak in our bathroom so he has been "providing and protecting us" tonight as he has worked all evening. I have had little chance to hear from him, but the boys were all full of stories that they kept interrupting each other. Paul (#2) boy said "Can we go again?" Thank you for alllllllll the work you and the others put into this. May your work be blessed... we will pray for your ministry. I will spread the word to other families about your ministry and your retreats. Don't give up!

Blessings and thanks to all

-Janet H.

I'm probably missing some names but I just would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, from the bottom of my heart. All your efforts in putting together the two ITW retreats are greatly appreciated. The Kings Men has been a true blessing in our lives, especially Ryan's. Ever since he attended the ITW#1 retreat, Ryan's more zealous and inspired to restart the men's group in our parish. Many men and women, have come up to him, thanking him for reviving this group. I've witnessed a 'Mark-ed' (pun intended!) change in Ryan. His prayer life is constant and he strives to be a better leader, provider and protector for our family. I am also grateful for the Wednesday accountability conference calls. Truly, I am humbled by the deepening of Ryan's faith and conversion to become a more chaste man, husband and father.

Before Ryan left for this retreat, I encouraged him to tell his story. I'm astoundingly proud of Ryan for having the courage and faith to share his personal journey. I wish I could have been there to give him a hug. That night was the first time that Ryan had shared his personal struggle with anyone other than a handful of trusted friends, including our spiritual director. I hope Ryan's story will move men to reform their hearts and souls towards God.

Anyway, thank you very much for all that you do. As St. Paul said to keep up the faith, brethren, I pray that the Kings Men will continue to keep up the faith and equipping all men to fight this spiritual battle.

- Ryan's Wife

Men, my latest fruit of ITW – my wife and boys felt inspired to join me for my morning rosary for the first time. Though my wife prays a daily rosary, we never seem to pray together. It has been my frequent prayer, as of late, that we obtain this goal of shared prayer. God's gift here was obvious, as I didn't prompt or solicit this morning's collective rosary participation in the least. It was my wife's request even after I had already begun to pray a silent rosary alone, and we then prayed together while reflecting on the Messages of Our Lady at Medugorje. Praise God – who can doubt his desire to bless us?!

- Carl