

Implications from the Young Men's Lives and Faith Study

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•Meet, Engage and Join young men where they are:

–Listen rather than talk:

- Over Meals
- Around Events
- Between Tasks
- Strategic Outreach Projects:
 - Listen
 - Gather
 - Connect
 - Initiate Together
 - Support
 - Expand

–Go and hang out where they gather:

- Sports Bars
- Coffee Cafes
- Race Tracks
- Extreme Sports Venues
- Concerts
- Bars

•Mentor:

- Develop “Generative” Fatherhood
- Surround with “Surrogate Fathers”
- Apprentice Around Passions and Gifts

•Grow Safe Places of Healing and Transformation:

- Welcome
- Accept
- Be Honest
- Engage and Connect and Stay Connected/Trustworthy
- Pray
- Explore Truth Wherever it Exists – Bible Study
- Develop Constructive Life Practices

–•Construct Life Education and Support “Communities”:

- Life Itself Must be the Curriculum (Relationships, etc.)
- “Lifestyle Focused” Active Learning
- Transform Preaching into Proclamation Plus “Life Walking”

•Expand and Enrich Worship:

- Utilize Full Range of Music and the Arts
- Get Beyond “Guild Talk”
- Expand Venues
- Utilize Nature
- Focused Prayer
- Harvesting and Utilizing Metaphors and Issues from Men’s Worlds

•Bridge the Generational Disconnects:

- “Life story” Telling
- Shared Tasks/Projects
- Music-Making
- Creating Common Cause

•Bless “Male-Predominant” Interests, Gifts and Strengths:

- Trades
- Popular Arts
- “Automotive” Worlds
- Sports/Hunting/Fishing
- Competitive/Collaborative Sports

•Do Crisis Support and Intervention:

- Job Loss
- Divorce
- Addiction
- Stress

•Attend Work and Career Issues:

- Explore God’s Presence in the World
- Work Ethical Dilemmas Honestly/Realistically
- Vocational Discernment

-Develop Shared Leadership with Women:

- Work Equality and Partnership
- Enhanced Skills of Cooperation, Collaboration and Negotiation
- Establish Ministry Teams throughout Parish Leadership