## <u>Implications from the Young Men's Lives and Faith Study</u>

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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