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