



FRATERNUS

Mentoring Boys into Virtuous Catholic Men

Boys Are Searching for Direction. Will You Help Lead Them?

Statistically about 8 in 10 Catholic youth will leave the Church by college, and evidence indicates that more boys leave than girls. From their youngest years **boys imitate what they see in men around them**. As they get older they “look up” to these examples, these mentors, and learn from them how a man lives in this world. The problem has arisen, however, that **most boys do not have regular encounters with Catholic men**. And the rapid decline in fatherly presence and engagement is compounding the problem.

This is where Fraternus can help. What Fraternus provides is the training, resources and framework you need to equip the men of your parish to intentionally mentor and disciple the young men. *Fraternus brings generations of men together into a brotherhood of disciples.*

In Fraternus, men are not recruited to coordinate events for boys. Rather, all of the men of the parish are challenged to accept and live the reality that they are sons of God. As sons of God they are truly brothers. And as men mature as brothers they in turn become fathers that pass on the faith. This is a spiritual fatherhood not tied solely to biological children. Very often Fraternus is the bridge between existing men’s groups and the young men of the parish.

The brotherhood has four types of gatherings:

- **Frat Nights** are weekly meetings consisting of play, a movie clip, discussion, challenge and prayer
- **Excursions** are outdoor experiences that are needed in a world saturated with media and materialism, especially in the teen years
- **HAWC Groups** stands for **Honest, Accountable, Willing, and Chaste**. These groups are for high school aged boys
- **Summer Ranch** is the annual opportunity for Chapters from across the country to gather as a national brotherhood.

There will be an informational meeting on Saturday, October 27th, at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center Auditorium. Questions-contact Brad Sizemore, D.R.E.

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