

Dear friends and fellow pilgrims,

We never know what God plans. It was so good to meet on our recent pilgrimage to Italy. It was, by far, the best trip our family has ever taken. Thank you for allowing us to share such a treasured experience.

Several of you, along our journey, asked us what makes two teenage boys these days not only willingly embark on a pilgrimage with their parents but serve every mass with joy and devotion. The answer of course is, God. Please pray for them! It is certainly not easy being a chaste young man these days, yet by God's grace, they have been blessed to be involved in an inspired Catholic young men's organization, FRATERNUS. I'd love to share our information so that God's blessings may multiply.

FRATERNUS gives our boys exactly what they need to fight the war that wages so feverishly around them in our culture. Just last night we hosted six Seminarians in our home who were invited by our FRATERNUS missionary to hang out with ten of the Senior brothers. This morning Brian and James went to Eucharistic Adoration at 6:00 am with five of their closest friends, all Fraternus senior brothers. That is seven young men in Pensacola this morning silently beginning their day together adoring Our Lord. What an answer to our prayers! With confidence, I believe God is building an army of virtuous Catholic men destined to become fathers, priests, brothers, husbands... leaders of the Catholic Church and our world, and I think FRATERNUS is part of His plan.

The FRATERNUS mission is to mentor boys into virtuous Catholic men, using chastity, integrity, and discipleship as the three pillars of the organization. Each chapter has a full-time missionary along with volunteer adult men who strive to be holy male mentors. Through weekly meetings, overnight outdoor excursions and summer ranch, the boys grow in holiness and begin to live their lives the way God intends.

If you, your sons, grandsons, are interested in learning more, here is the FRATERNUS website. [www.fraternus.net](http://www.fraternus.net). It is a non profit organization beginning our third year of implementation—yet we already have seven chapters in three states with plans for a nation-wide launch around 2012. It is thrilling to be in on the early stages of a group so obviously inspired by the Holy Spirit and in tune with JPII's Theology of the Body.

You can also help the awesome holy men and members of FRATERNUS financially, with prayer and by spreading the word. Please prayerfully consider inviting FRATERNUS to launch a chapter in your town and share the blessings! In the words of one of our missionaries, "Walk meek, walk brave, Christ be with you."

Peace and Grace,

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