

## What is the “Rites of Passage” for men?

The program is a five-day / four-night deeply prayerful and soulful experience that builds on the classic patterns of male initiation through simple and moving rituals and teaching. Each day includes group prayer, major teachings on central masculine spirituality themes, quiet time for reflection, and sharing in the context of a “home group.”

In the words of the program’s founder, Fr. Richard Rohr:

“Men are asked to come with a willingness to participate from beginning to end and not as an observer. All participants begin at point zero with no agendas to live up to or down to. All that is required is for a man to come with a ‘beginner’s mind’ and the readiness of a young novice seeking wisdom. Ultimately, initiation, like life itself, is not a spectator’s sport.”

### 2011 MEN’S RITES OF PASSAGE UNITED STATES

March 16-20, 2011  
*Johnson City, Texas*

April 6-10, 2011  
*Southern California*

June 22-26, 2011  
*Sandstone, Minnesota*

September 21-25, 2011  
*Claryville, New York*

October 12-16, 2011  
*Harper’s Ferry, West Virginia*

### INTERNATIONAL

June 1-5, 2011  
*Germany*

July 27-31, 2011  
*Scotland*

Future dates: [www.malespirituality.org](http://www.malespirituality.org)

This is not about religion, but about spirituality, about age old traditions that guide us into manhood, about coming to trust that there is something much greater at work in our lives than we could ever imagine.

If you have questions and want to talk more about the MROP, contact :

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But  
no sign  
will be given  
except the  
sign of  
Jonah

Luke 11:29



## MEN’S RITES OF PASSAGE

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## What the MROP is. . .

- ▶ A personal discovery about masculine spirituality and ‘the Holy Mystery.’
- ▶ A time to savor the healing and awesome power of nature.
- ▶ A process to address issues of loss, grief, and relationships with father, other men, and others.
- ▶ An opportunity to examine life’s priorities and ask courageous questions about your ‘next step.’
- ▶ An invitation to listen to the ‘quiet voice of God.’
- ▶ A chance to return to life with a renewed commitment to your gifts.

## What the MROP is not. . .

- ▶ A traditional, lecture-based retreat.
- ▶ An informational workshop about men’s spirituality.
- ▶ A sensitivity-training or deprivation experience.
- ▶ A threatening process that requires participants to engage in anything strange or unsafe.
- ▶ A test of physical stamina.

## STEP ONE – Pray and Prepare

The MROP is not just another event to attend, nor is it something to “fix” some condition in your life. It is a decision that should come out of prayer; you should know in your “gut” that God is inviting you into it. You might also talk to others who have gone through the MROP.

## STEP TWO – Get an Application

So, you feel ready?  
Applications are available online at [www.malespirituality.org](http://www.malespirituality.org) or you can call the person on the back of this brochure. Please take your time in responding to the questions.

## STEP THREE – Mail Application and Deposit

With your completed application, mail it and a \$50 deposit to the address on your application. If accepted, the deposit becomes non-refundable and is applicable to the final payment. If not accepted, your deposit will be refunded.

## STEP FOUR – Wait and Pray

You will be notified that your application has been received and then re-notified if you have been accepted, not accepted, or placed on a waiting list. If accepted, a full confirmation packet will be sent to you with payment and event instructions.

## NOT SURE IF YOU ARE READY?

This is a common question for those interested in the MROP. Here are some practical ways to help you know.

1. Speak to someone who has made the MROP. If you don’t know someone, email [menwork@cacradicalgrace.org](mailto:menwork@cacradicalgrace.org) and we can connect you to someone to speak with in your geographic area or call (505) 242-9588.
2. Obtain one or some of the resources listed below. The books, CDs, DVDs, and tapes provide valuable insight and should give you an idea if what the MROP offers and what you are seeking are a fit.

Beloved Sons Series 1 & 2 -

*Masculine Spirituality and  
Why Males Need Initiation*

*From Wild Man to Wise Man*

a book by Richard Rohr, OFM

*Quest for the Grail*

a book by Richard Rohr, OFM

*Men Matter: A Quest for the True Self*

audio recording by Richard Rohr, OFM

**For more detailed descriptions and information on how to order, visit [www.cacradicalgrace.org](http://www.cacradicalgrace.org) (on-line bookstore); or call the CAC Resource Center at (505) 247-1636 to order titles or to request a Resource Guide.**