

**FLI MISSION:** To partner with the Archdiocese and other Church institutions to provide virtues-based tools, information and a community of common purpose that enable men of all faiths to become better Fathers and Leaders of their families.

**FLI BACKGROUND:** Men from several local parishes, in collaboration with the Philadelphia chapter of the Regnum Christi movement, established the Fatherhood & Leadership Initiative in 2008 in response to their own personal need for virtues based tools that would help them become better fathers and leaders of their families.

## IT ISN'T EASY TO BE AN EXCEPTIONAL FATHER & FAMILY LEADER

A man's most important mission is to develop his children spiritually, emotionally and socially to enable them to become responsible, fulfilled adults. To successfully fulfill his vocation, a father must be a principle-centered leader, a passionate defender of morality, and a model of honor and integrity.

Today, the institution of Fatherhood is falling far short of this ideal. The nuclear family is disintegrating at an alarming rate, with 50% of American children now living completely apart from their fathers due to divorce and separation. Among fathers of the remaining 50%, many can't find the support, tools, or information they need to teach enduring values like responsibility, fortitude, and integrity that are critical for leading children to responsible adulthood.

The Fatherhood & Leadership Initiative serves to fill that void. Our objective is to provide tools, information, and a community of common purpose that enable men of character to become better fathers, husbands, and leaders of their families.

Our program seeks to help men become better leaders of their families by instructing them about, and assisting them to live 7 core values in their daily lives:

## FLI CORE VIRTUES

- 1. FAITH:** Relationship with Christ: To become a true Man of God through prayer and sacraments
- 2. WISDOM:** Relationship with moral truth: To become an expert in right and wrong through knowledge of Church teaching
- 3. LOVE:** Relationship with others: To become an expert in following Christ's example of charity and self-sacrifice
- 4. RESPONSIBILITY:** Relationship to life's opportunities: To become an expert in taking the initiative to build up family, society and other people
- 5. INTEGRITY:** Relationship to life's temptations: To become an expert in self-mastery instead of self-indulgence
- 6. FORTITUDE:** Relationship to life's challenges: To become an expert in overcoming life's difficulties and defending against the attacks of evil

## FLI "FRIEND RAISER"

January 22, 2011

Join us for a night of fellowship, food and wine from around the world! We will enjoy excellent company, outstanding food and and fine vintages from the world's best wine regions.

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**2010-2011 SCHEDULE**

**BLACK-BELT DAD SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION SERIES**

**Session I: A Christ-like Father  
 Session II: A Christ-like Husband**

Join us for a six-week course created to help everyday dads with practical ideas, resources and a casual discussion forum on helping our kids become the best they can be — and on becoming the best fathers we can. We'll discuss real-world issues, and how to teach our kids through them. Black-Belt small group faith sharing groups are taking place at a variety of parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

Each one-hour session includes:

- Real-Life Case Study
- Open Discussion Time
- Fellowship with Other Dads
- Faith Perspectives on Key Issues



The Black-Belt Dad Small Group Discussion Series and training for the groups are available to local parishes. Please contact Greg Guerin for more information at g.guerin@voveo.com.

**EVENING OF REFLECTIONS**

St. Mary Magdalen, Media, PA

Join our host Don Saleski for an evening of spiritual reflection. Led by Father Daniel Hennessy, LC, local men take the opportunity to escape the pressures and worries of everyday life, if only for a few hours. Absorb the discussion, take time in front of the Eucharist, get back to Confession, and celebrate mass with others from the region looking to grow their faith.

**December 16, 2010**

Advent Preparation: During the crush of Christmas shopping, cocktail parties, gift wrapping, etc., take a few moments to reflect upon the true Reason for the season.

**January 27, 2011**

The middle of winter is a perfect time to do some spiritual renewal.

**March 10, 2011**

Day after Ash Wednesday. Take some time to prepare yourself and your family to make the Lenten season a period of spiritual awakening.

**April 14, 2011**

Perfectly timed to help men focus their attention on Holy Week.

Each Evening of Reflection includes:

- 6:30 – 7:00PM – Reflection talk
- 7:00 – 7:30PM – Discussion
- 7:30 – 8:00PM – Adoration and reconciliation
- 8:00PM – Mass

\$20 Donation requested.

For more information on our evening of reflections, contact Don Saleski at 866.773.3300 ext: 611 or email him at dsaleski@prnhs.net.

**FATHERS' BREAKFAST MEETINGS**

IHM Conference Center, St. Aloysius Academy, Bryn Mawr, PA • 7:30am-9am

Come hear "local dads" share their faith stories. No matter where you are in your journey, listen as men like you discuss the everyday challenges of being strong, Catholic leaders in today's society. Start the day with mass, enjoy a casual continental breakfast and join others who want to grow in their faith and become the best fathers and husbands they can be.

**November 18, 2010 Phil Greco**

Sales Engineer and young father of one child with one on the way!

**January 13, 2011 Lou Tilley**

Emmy award winning sports television anchor

Each Breakfast Meeting includes coffee & continental breakfast, and:

- 7:30: Celebration of Mass
- 8:00: Reflection and Discussion
- 9:00 Departure

\$20 Donation requested. Space is limited. Please register on-line.

For more information, contact Tom Cancelmo at 610.254.7437 or tcancelmo@btcmktng.com.

**2ND ANNUAL FATHER AND SON MIDNIGHT RUN**

**March 5, 2011**

FLI will be organizing a late night delivery of food, clothing, blankets, and toiletries to homeless shelters in the Philadelphia area. The "run" will kickoff with Mass and end with breakfast, where fathers and sons

can spend quality time together and give thanks for all their blessings. It will be organized, safe and an extremely compelling bonding experience for fathers and sons. Contact jgabriele@mba1996.hbs.edu for more information.

**WEEKEND RETREATS**

IHM Spirituality Center, Malvern, PA

**February 11–13, 2011**

A silent retreat is a great opportunity to slow down and recharge your batteries. Spend literal quiet time with the Lord and open your heart to hear his plans for you and your family. You will return home better prepared to love and lead as a husband and father.

**February 12–13, 2011**

If a weekend retreat is a new experience, and you simply want to give one night a try, please join us from February 12–13. You will have the opportunity to test the waters a bit, while still spending quality time with the Lord in solidarity with other dads from our area.