

## **Vision Statement for Catholic Men's Ministry**

Joint Statement of the

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### **We propose and commit to a vision of Catholic Men's Ministry that:**

1. Fosters a spirituality in men that is Christ-centered and that moves men toward:
  - ongoing conversion of oneself and the transformation of society
  - brotherhood and friendship in Christ
  - service in charity and justice
  - reconciliation
  - a Christian impact in the workplace
  - a loving relationship of mutuality with women
  - a consciousness of the history from which patriarchy has evolved
2. Provides ongoing faith formation, for both leaders and participants, enabling them to share their personal encounters with Christ;
3. Nurtures the growth of Catholic identity in men in their many roles, e.g., son, father, husband, worker, disciple, minister, etc.;
4. Encourages men to take responsibility for their faith formation;
5. Incorporates diverse and inclusive Catholic spiritual traditions, expressions, and practices that are sensitive to the ethnic and racial mix of Catholic men;
6. Takes into consideration spiritual needs and experiences that are particular to men.

### In order to accomplish this vision the following general initiatives are needed:

- Involvement and support by bishops and pastors to encourage men's ministry and form its leadership;
- Structures for dialogue and networking among all leaders in Catholic men's ministry;
- Identification of existing resources and development of new ones for use in Catholic men's ministry at all levels;
- Development of small groups for men at *local levels*, e.g., parish, region.