

Application For Men's Rites of Passage

Based on long experience, we are clear that its best if acceptance is based on perceived readiness for initiation. The Rites of Passage are most appropriate for those who are spiritually searching, who have done some kind of men's work already, and who are not in a major reaction against God, grace, or transformation.

While images and ritual are used from other religious traditions, we do not apologize for our Judeo-Christian heritage. However, this is not just another Christian men's retreat.

It is important to note that you need to have basic mobility and health that will allow fasting and moderate physical effort. (If you feel unsure on this, please contact us to discuss.)

It is best if you approach this experience as a 'lone seeker': this is not a 'group development experience'. Fathers and sons are normally not initiated together. You may come with friends but expect to be assigned to a group where you will be anonymous and start from zero together with your group. (You will actually find this to be an advantage.)

You may not make this initiation rite more than once.

We may have to set up a waiting list as we are limiting enrolment.

You will receive notification of your application status (accepted, waiting list, or refused) as quickly as we can process your application.

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address:.....

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city:.....

postcode:.....

email: **phone** (with area code):.....

mobile:.....

Date of birth:..... **religious affiliation**.....

Please answer the questions honestly and thoughtfully! There are of course no 'right' or 'wrong' answers. What we hope is that you can tell us something about 'where you are coming from'.

1. What has been your involvement in men's work/masculine spirituality so far? (Retreats? Participation in a men's group? Conferences, books, tapes, etc.?)

2. Is there anything in particular that is happening in your life that speaks to you of your readiness for this event? Can you explain?

3. Why do you want to participate in these *Rites of Passage*? For example, what do you hope to gain?

4. What do you think you want to be initiated into?

5. Has anyone (or anything) been encouraging you to participate in this program?

6. Life tends to initiate you anyway if you are listening and awake to its questions and challenges. In what ways do you feel you've 'grown up' already? Are there ways in which you feel you haven't?

7. The Rites are appropriate for older men who desire to be of service and 'generate' life for other men - being an elder to the next generation.
If you are over 55, please share some thoughts about:

- a) Why do you think you need this initiation beyond your personal enrichment?
- b) How does being initiated fit into your plans to 'give back' or be of service to others?

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Men's Rites of Passage
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