



# Men as Learners and Elders

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## APPLICATION FORM FOR MEN'S RITES OF PASSAGE

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Date received: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date reply letter sent \_\_\_\_\_

I .....am applying for a place on the Rites of Passage at...

**Slí na Chroí at St Patrick's  
Kiltegan,  
Co. Wicklow –  
From Wed. 17<sup>th</sup>, to Sun 21<sup>st</sup> of June, 2009**

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 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 Catholic/Christian men's retreat.

Based on long experience of observing participants, we are clear that it is best if acceptance is based on perceived readiness for initiation. **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.

Send the completed form with **€50.00** deposit to:  
Men's Rites of Passage, C/O MALEs Ireland  
31 Pinewood Park  
Dublin 14  
Ireland

Note: If accepted, your deposit of **€50.00** becomes non-refundable and will be deducted from the total cost of **€350.00**. If you are not accepted, your cheque will be destroyed and/or your money refunded.

Make cheque payable to: MALEs Ireland

**The form must be returned, fully completed, as soon as possible as places are limited.**

**A Young Man who can't cry is a savage, An Old Man who can't laugh is a fool**

Web Site: [www.malesireland.net](http://www.malesireland.net)

**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'.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

phone (with area code): \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

**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?)

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

**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?**

APPLICANT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ (Please Print)

**6. Life tends to initiate you anyway if you are listening and awake to its questions and challenges [in your intermediate years.] 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?**