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INTO THE BREACH

A LEADERSHIP SEMINAR FOR MEN BASED ON

“INTO THE BREACH”

AN APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION FOR MEN

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- The Compendium Workbook

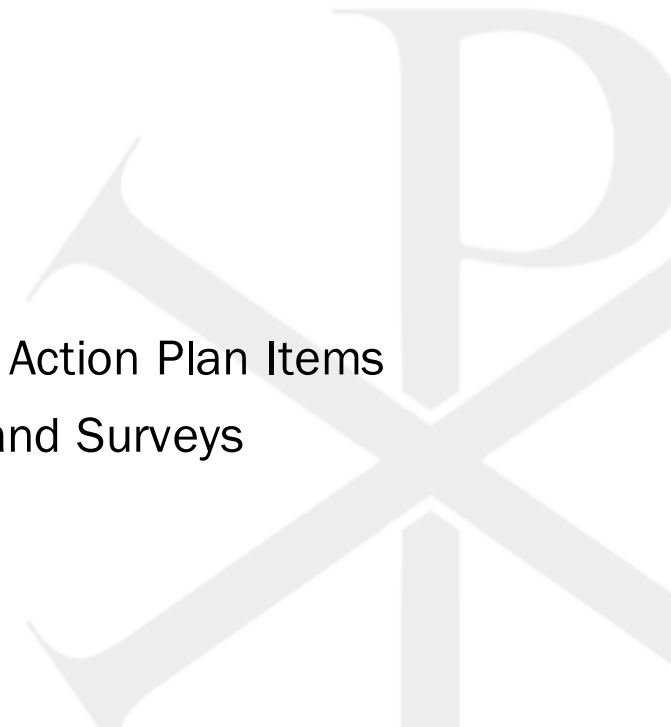
- 3 Major Parts

1. Table of Contents, Foreword, Preface, and Prologue
2. 'Into the Breach' in it's entirety, including Questions and Text Boxes
3. Epilogue, and Appendices

- The 7-Week Seminar Guide

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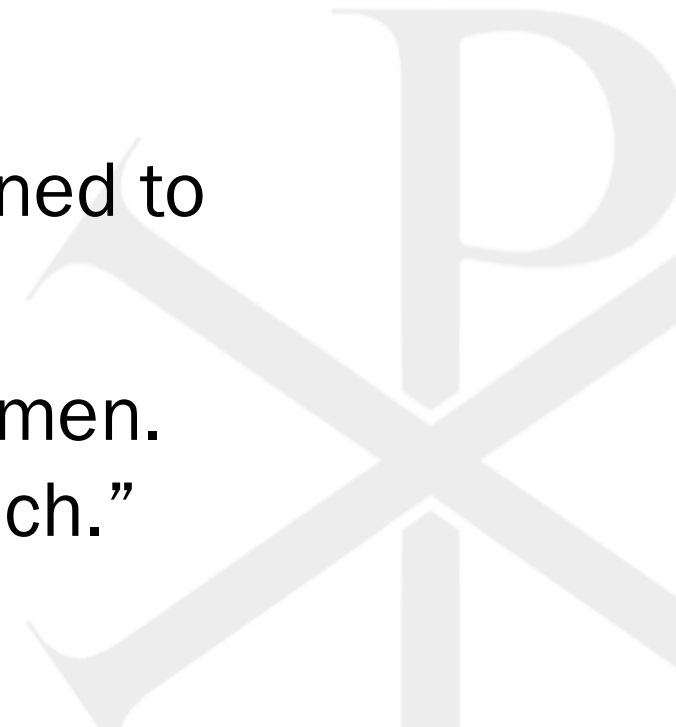
1. Opening Pages
2. Weekly Material, including Questions, and Action Plan Items
3. Discerning God's Will, Action Plan Notes, and Surveys



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Video Quotes

- “You were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness.”
 - *The rise of the [‘Man-cave’](#) (a room or other part of a home regarded as a refuge for the man)*
- “Broken masculinity”
- “It feels as if the culture was designed to attack the family.”
- “We’ve got this crisis, and we need men. Strong Catholic men to fill the breach.”



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1) A Call to Battle – Sin, Satan, & the World

- “...**COMBAT** yet remains with the **FLESH**, with the **WORLD**, with the **DEVIL**, wherein we cannot be victorious, unless we have God's grace...” - *Council of Trent (1545-1563)*
- Original Sin – “Adam sought to be like God in the knowledge of good and evil, so that he might be his own director and attain to perfect happiness by his own enlightenment and unaided effort.”*
- ‘Concupiscence’ (strong desire, especially sexual desire), but not always:
 - “Without the preternatural privilege of perfect control of appetite, there remains in human nature the effects of Adam's sin, the chief of which are weakness of will and unrestrained desires of soul.” *DB 2212, Encyclical of Pius XI on Christian Education*

**Apologetics and Catholic Doctrine, Archbishop Michael Sheehan, p 374*

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1) A Call to Battle – Sin, Satan, & the World

- The same forces that crucified Jesus are still active in the world today
 - Political forces, Economic forces, Social forces;
All stirred up and manipulated by the devil
- “Do not love the world or the things in the world. ... For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.”
(1 John 2:15-16 ESV)
- Gospel reading for May 23, 2016; Mark 10:17-27

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2) Purpose of the Apostolic Exhortation

- To clarify the nature of the Mission from Christ to all men
 - To provide encouragement; To present a challenge; And to call forth men to **Mission** (the act or an instance of sending to accomplish a specific task with which a person or a group is charged)
- It is because the battle is occurring in the Church herself, and the devastation is all too evident that men are called forth to mission
- One of the key reasons that the Church is faltering under the attacks of Satan is that many Catholic men have not been willing to “step into the breach” – to fill this gap that lies open that makes us all vulnerable to further attack
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“Men, Do Not Hesitate to Engage in the Battle that is Raging Around You.”

“The battle that is wounding our children and families, the battle that is distorting the dignity of both women and men. This battle is often hidden, but the battle is real. It is primarily spiritual, but it is progressively killing the remaining Christian ethos in our society and culture, and even in our own homes.”

- Bishop Thomas Olmsted

Prayer to St. George

Patron of: Soldiers, and Chivalry
(qualities expected of an ideal knight, especially courage, honor, courtesy, justice, & a readiness to help the weak)

